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Advocate on EC's panel quits citing conflict of values

Mohit D Ram, a lawyer who has been representing the Election Commission before the Supreme Court, has resigned from the panel of advocates of the EC, saying his values were not in consonance with the present functioning of the poll body. Advocate Mohit D Ram was a panel counsel for the EC in the Supreme Court since 2013.

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KARNATAKA INFORMATION

14-day 'lockdown' from Monday

Movement of pvt vehicles strictly prohibited; Chief Secretary says curbs more stringent now

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

STARTING 6 am on Monday, a near-complete lockdown will be enforced across Karnataka. With 592 Covid-19 deaths reported on Friday, the highest so far, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa acknowledged that the 'Corona Curfew', that is in force, had been ineffective and hence, there was a need to implement more stringent restrictions. A 14-day lockdown has been announced from May 10 till 6 AM on May 24 in the state.

Vehicular movement will be strictly prohibited in a bid to stop people from getting on to the roads. While goods vehicles and home delivery service providers are exempted, the use of personal vehicles will be prohibited even to buy essentials or takeaways.

"The second wave of Covid-19 is wreaking havoc across the state. The 'Corona Curfew' hasn't yielded expected results in reducing the spread of infection and death rate. Therefore, the government has decided to impose a complete lockdown to

check the spread of the disease and deaths," said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa before announcing the 14-day lockdown. Soon after the CM's press conference, Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar clarified that it wasn't a "lockdown", but "additional stringent measures".

He added that the prohibition of vehicular movement and industries were the biggest changes in the new guidelines.

"Vehicle movement was allowed so far, but starting Monday it won't be. One has to walk even to buy essentials from neighbourhood shops or food from hotels. No vehicles will be allowed, but hotels can use vehicles for home delivery. No vehicular movement will be allowed except in case of emergencies or to catch scheduled flights and trains. Industries were earlier allowed to function, but now only those that have in-situ staff will be allowed. E-commerce will be allowed," Ravi Kumar said, adding that there won't be any vehicle pass system.

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A family of migrant labourers wait for a special train to return to their hometown at the Mysuru railway station on Friday, ahead of the lockdown which will be enforced from May 10 | UDAYSHANKAR S

NATIONWIDE	MAY 6	MAY 7
Fresh cases	4,12,262	4,14,188
Recoveries	3,29,113	3,31,507
Deaths	3,980	3,915

STATEWIDE	MAY 6	MAY 7
Fresh cases	49,058	48,781
Recoveries	18,943	28,623
Positivity Rate	29.83%	30.69%

592

Deaths in a single day

With several residents testing positive, Rameshwara village in Davanagere district may be declared a containment zone

State Govt caps price of CT-scan and digital X-ray in private hospitals and labs at ₹1,500 and ₹250, respectively

TOUGHER RESTRICTIONS TO KICK IN

WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED	WHAT WILL BE ALLOWED	Pharmacies, fuel stations, banks and ATMs will be open	Home delivery of food, e-commerce, essentials	Movement of media personnel with valid ID cards issued by their organisation/institution to the place of work and back permitted
Personal vehicles prohibited on roads, except for medical emergencies, vaccination, hospital visits with proof	Takeaway from restaurants, groceries allowed by walk; no vehicles will be allowed	Goods vehicles	Construction allowed only in-situ	
All industries prohibited, except units manufacturing essentials; production units that require continuous process; industries operating with in-situ staff	Hotels, eateries for takeaways & deliveries only (till 9 pm)	Standalone liquor outlets & shops (6 am to 10 am)	Flights and trains uninterrupted - cabs to and from airport and railway stations allowed with ticket as proof	
Inter-state/Inter-district travel prohibited, except in emergencies	Shops selling groceries, meat, milk, vegetables and fruits (6 am-10 am)	Pushcarts selling vegetables and fruits (6 am-6 pm)		
Buses and Metro prohibited		Milk booths and HOPCOMS outlets (6 am-6 pm)		

CoWIN CONCERN

Techies to the rescue as 18+ struggle to find slots for jab

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

TECHNOLOGY works in most cases, but when it comes to registering for vaccinating millions of people who are aged under 45 on the CoWIN portal, it is proving to be a nightmare.

On Friday, the government announced the introduction of an additional 4-digit security code to minimise data entry error. Nearly 5,44,33,405 registrations in the 18-45 age group were made through the portal on that day. Venting out their frustration on social media forums, the younger folks aren't necessarily amused by a new feature on CoWIN when even a slot booking is now almost impossible, especially in populous metros.

Software engineers and coders are also coming to the rescue of the people wanting to get vaccinated, but are not able to find a slot. "There is a huge disparity when it comes to finding slots in various parts of the country," explains, Shyam Sunder, who has developed getjabs.in. With the help of the API of CoWIN, apisetu.gov.in, Sunder said that his portal sends email alerts to subscribers whenever a slot is available in a particular district. The next step of quickly logging in to CoWIN, filling their KYC details and registering rests upon the user.

Sunder said these alerts are also delivered to users in various Telegram groups by other techies/portals to enable quick registration.

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PANDEMIC PROFITEERING ADDS TO PATIENT STRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

It is not just that the totally inept national healthcare management has made the second wave of Covid-19 more lethal than it ought to have been. It's that pandemic profiteering by vultures in the system has amplified patient distress and even led to loss of lives.

From oximeters to oxygen to ambulances to hospital beds and life-saving medicines, the prices of all of them have jumped manifold. Even in states that imposed a price cap on those services, there is hardly any regulatory system to curb fleeing. Amid a surge in Covid cases, the demand for hand sanitisers, masks, pulse oximeters and thermal scanners has gone up. With no cap in the pricing or mechanism to ensure quality, the market is flooded with low-quality products. For example, a pulse oximeter which used to cost around ₹300 a few months ago now costs upwards of ₹3,000 in many states.

In Tamil Nadu, an oximeter was priced at ₹700 in March. But one has to shell out ₹3,000 to buy it now. The inflation in price is almost the same across the country — from around ₹900 before the pandemic to up to ₹3,500 now.

According to sources, medical shops get branded oximeters priced between ₹900 and ₹5,000, for which MRP is charged. However, products from some Chinese companies will not have MRP on them. "This is where overpricing occurs. Though the cost is only ₹700-1,200, medical shops charge up to three times that amount," said a source.

The demand, as well as price, of infrared thermal scanners has also shot up. "During the first wave, the price of infrared thermal scanners had gone up and later the demand declined. Till recently, the price was around ₹500. But now the price has gone up to ₹1500-2,000 again," said All Kerala Chemist and Druggist Association's Ernakulam

CHANDIGARH	HYDERABAD
Ambulance to Delhi with oxygen & ventilator	Five-litre imported oxygen concentrator
Normal cost ₹15,000	Normal cost ₹40K-60K
Now ₹35,000	Now ₹95K-1.2L

THE BRIGHTER SIDE: P16

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lam district president P V Tomy

It is the same story for essential drugs. A pharmacist working in a private hospital in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu said Covid patients are fleeced by private hospitals and pharmacies in several ways. "Ulinastatin, Methylprednisolone Sodium Succinate, and Enoxaparin Sodium injections are currently sold three times their MRP. A respiratory exerciser worth ₹250 is sold for ₹900 in the pharmacies attached to hospitals. A high concentration oxygen mask worth ₹300 is sold for ₹1,100," he added.

An official with the Tenkasi government hospital said private hospitals were paying ₹10,000-13,000 bribe to health workers for referring Covid patients to them. "The amount spent on bribing does not matter to these hospitals as they collect ₹1.5-6 lakh from each Covid patient," he added.

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BED ALLOTMENT SCAM

CCB zeroes in on main suspect

Accused to be arrested soon; 18 people questioned so far in connection with the case: Cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Central Crime Branch officials probing the bed allotment scam have reportedly identified the main suspect, while as many as 18 people were questioned in connection with the case on Friday.

Police said that the four arrested persons — Rohit, Rihan Shashi, and Netravathi — were produced before a magistrate on Friday. Considering the request by the police, the magistrate remanded the accused in police custody for 14 days.

“From the interrogation of the four persons in custody, we have identified one main suspect in the case. We are gathering more information on the suspect and he will be nabbed at the earliest,” an official said. The official, however, refused to divulge more information about the suspect.

Meanwhile, the police continued questioning people in connection with the case and 18 persons were questioned on Friday.

“Doctors in-charge of each zonal war room, hospital staff, and an in-charge of an ambulance booking application were questioned as part of the probe,” the police added. Meanwhile, the police have continued technical investigations, such as analysis of CCTV camera footage. “CCTV footage collected from all war rooms is being analysed to identify the presence of any unauthorised person. All the bed allotments made in the last month are being checked for any irregularities,” the police said.

DAMAGE DONE: 16 WAR ROOM STAFFERS WORRY ABOUT FUTURE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WAR rooms across the city are posing a gloomy picture for the past two days. Repeated persuasion by BBMP staffers, nodal officers and even agencies is having little impact.

Many are not keen to return to work citing safety, harassment and even embarrassment. But to ensure that citizens do not suffer, BBMP joint commissioners of each zone have told agencies to make sure there is no staff crunch.

But it had little impact as the rumour got around that the 16 minority community staffers, whose names Bengaluru South Member of Parliament Tejasvi Surya had read out at the South Zone war room, were sacked. This left many staffers demotivated and unwilling to work, with others saying there is no professionalism.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta and South Zone Special Commissioner Thulasi Madineni clarified that the employees have not been sacked, but their service is

I took this job as it was lockdown period and my parents are also out of job. This was my first job. Is this how the government treats those who help during the pandemic?
A Covid war room staffer

on hold till the inquiry is completed. The heads of Crystal Agency, which is handling South Zone war room, also stated that no one had been sacked.

“I am a commerce graduate. I have experience of working with three other agencies. Though salary was less, I volunteered to work in the war room as a telecaller because in this pandemic I wanted to help society. My father is an autorickshaw driver. I also drive his auto to feed my family, but now if I am called a terrorist, I don't want to work with BBMP or any government agency ever,” said one of the 16 employees whose name the MP had read out.

Another person said, “This was my first job. With

this image of being a Muslim, terrorist and being sacked, who will employ me now? I took this job as it was lockdown period and my parents are also out of job. Is this how the government treats those who help during the pandemic?”

Many others refused to talk. Their family members said they were not keen to send their brothers or sons to work at war rooms because of the ill-treatment they faced.

Meanwhile, to ensure that those working in the war rooms are not demotivated and don't walk out, BBMP officials are holding counselling sessions, giving them pep talks, organising lunch and distributing sweet boxes. The managements in some war rooms are also organising iftaar meals.

Meanwhile, a BBMP official said, “We are even organising games to keep them happy. Otherwise they are so upset that they are not even interested in answering calls. We are also posting nodal officers to the war rooms to constantly interact with the staffers.”

‘Scam’ effect: Bed allocation hit, thanks to staff crunch

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IF you are finding it difficult to book a bed for a Covid-19 patient in Bengaluru through the BBMP war rooms, the officials and tele-callers may not be the only ones to blame, but politicians too, according to a nodal officer at a war room.

In the light of the developments over the last two days after the ‘scam’ in bed allocation surfaced, the officer said, “Despite agencies’ directives, there are lesser staff reporting for duty. If the staff strength is 55,



20% of them have not turned up. This is because the politicians and the bureaucracy have failed to instill confidence among the staffers and ensure their safety.”

Another official working with the war rooms said there

is also staff crunch because of the ongoing police interrogation. “There were already problems with the war rooms and the number of calls were increasing. Now, the staff strength has reduced... Some staffers and doctors are called for police investigation and some of the computers have also been taken for investigation, making matters worse. So, if people are unable to get beds, they should blame the government - politicians and bureaucracy - for it,” the official said.

Another official said that in some war rooms, the staffers

have refused to allot beds fearing that they are being tracked and they may land in trouble. They are asking the doctors to do it or even requesting the patients to go directly to a hospital where there is a bed.

A BBMP official said this ‘scam’ has just made matters worse and many people are losing trust in the system. “So, we are talking not just to the employees, but their families too, and trying to motivate them. The callers are not interested to make calls also... this is affecting patients to a large extent.”



STAYING PREPARED

Ahead of the complete lockdown in the state from May 10 to 24 owing to the spiralling Covid-19 cases, workers of a rice mandi stock up on rice and other foodgrains, in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Victim's family attacks docs, hosp staffers walk out

RANJANI MADHAVAN
@ Bengaluru

The staffers at Dr B R Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital walked out in protest on Friday after family members of a Covid victim attacked doctors and nurses. The patient's family allegedly demanded the case sheet and blamed negligence on the part of doctors.

Dr Muniraju, medical superintendent, said the patient's attendants assaulted the doctors, nurses and nursing students.

“They said they wanted the case sheet, which is against the rules. We said we can give a copy once we finish procedures with the deceased person. They wanted to check what injections and medicines were used, and blamed the duty doctors for negligence. They physically assaulted the staffers, pushed tables and permanently damaged the ventilator,” said Dr Muniraju, adding that the doctors and nurses walked out and refused to return.

The hospital staff are afraid that this could happen



again. They are yet to complain to police.

After a gap of a few hours, alternative staff were arranged. “They used foul language and assaulted the lady doctors as well. These are young doctors who have come to save lives, and now they are scarred. We called the security personnel to put an end to the fight,” said another doctor.

This resulted in the remaining patients being left unattended for around five hours in the Covid ward. Chandan Kumar, whose wife was admitted in the ICU with oxygen saturation level as low as 70, said she was not given water, food or IV in the morning. “After the fight, the doctors left the building. After five hours, another doctor came. It was only then I was informed that a wire in the ventilator was not working,” said Kumar.

TO FIGHT COVID

NGO proposes 100-bed CCCs in four wards

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

NGO Bal Utsav, which is working to improve government schools in the state, has proposed to the State Government that it will set up and pilot Bharat Covid Care Centres in four wards in Bengaluru. These centres will cater to about 100 people each and will have all the functions of a full-fledged hospital, including general beds, high-dependency units, ICUs, CCUs and ventilators. The cost for 100 beds will be Rs3,60,00,000 (capital expenditure) and Rs2,16,10,000 (operating expenditure). Each of these proposed centres will work as a feeder to an existing hospital.

“By adding one such 100-bed facility in each ward in the city, we can add 19,800 additional beds in the next three weeks,” said Ramesh Balasundaram, the NGO's co-founder and director. These centres will work with existing hospitals and share medical personnel and technical know-how, he added. Only patients who need critical care will be admitted to a hospital and others will be treated at these centres at the ward level. The NGO is seeking financial support from India Inc and global funding sources.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

08th May: Here's a strange fact, which I have told you before. Every atom in your body was once in the sun. Now, according to the latest science, every such atom in our bodies has a potential telepathic relationship with an atom in the sun. As you think, and an atom spins in your brain, so its partner atom in the sun responds. And, as the one in the sun turns, so the one in your brain follows. That's what I call weird!

ARIES
(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Physical passions are raised and financial leas stirred. You may wonder what you should do. One way is to be saintly without being pompous. When you begin to see the world through different eyes then all those old problems may just disappear.

TAURUS
(Apr 21 - May 21)

Lock horns with other people if you must, but realise that there are a number of escape routes. Legal guarantees could give satisfaction, for example, as could some sort of journey or long-distance adventure. You should stick to a high moral tone, though.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

As pot of hard work is good if you must, but interests must come first. It may be that you have to provide valuable support to others. You may even be out-ratting the collection tin! But you've got to give people a very good reason as to why they should support you.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

It's all too easy to look on the gloomy side and magnify problems, but if you cultivate enthusiasm and optimism, and then go all out to pamper yourself, you will lift your spirits and do yourself a power of good. By the way, you can also expect news from afar at any moment.

LEO
(July 24 - Aug. 23)

You must maintain the delicate balance between home and work, between your interests and others', and between private needs and public duty. This is not the easiest of tasks and a fair amount of self-discipline is required if you are to curb your instincts.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

If there's a problem in your romantic life it's that your aspirations are too high. You dream of the purest, most noble love, but you're in danger of losing touch with reality! Counter this influence by trying to understand what partners need and want.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

There are emotional complications aplenty, and you may be slightly uncertain about the future. What stands out in your chart now is the need to deal properly with large domestic purchases and family finances. Plus, a supposed foe may soon be an generous supporter.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 23)

This is one of the most important days of the year for you. Even if the skies don't open today, a whole raft of desires and activities will reach a turning point, taking you through to the rest of the year with a much deeper sense of your destiny and purpose.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

If you are overworked, under-rewarded and thoroughly confused, then you are exactly in tune with today's powerful planetary aspects. Out of such feelings should come the resolve to make drastic improvements, and the determination never to repeat old mistakes.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Social influences are volatile, and while you may meet people who seem at first to be soul-mates, there is a chance that your mood could swing from one extreme to another. You should take responsibility for your own feelings - and never pin the blame on innocent people.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It's doubtful that you'll have much time off. When leisure activities are scheduled, you should complete to the full, even if it's only a question of surpassing your best. You'll have unusual ideas, but you have to put them into practice, else you might just be wasting time.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

You are likely to interpret minor emotional glitches as an opportunity for a personal adventure. One way or another, your analysis could be correct! But will friends and family members listen to you? Well, they just might - if you choose your words with care.

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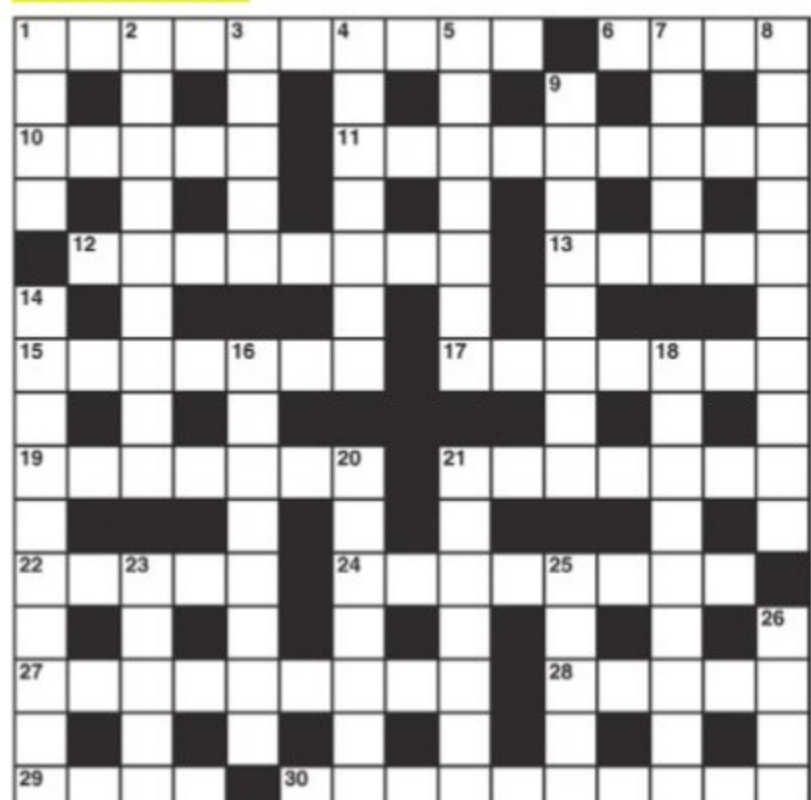
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- Woolly animal is a lover mother (5)
- Serious actor skilled at reading parts (9)
- Example of fashionable attire (8)
- Uncommon Edgar variation (5)
- Possibly flies in groups (7)
- Pay trio for putting the shu-berry into shape (7)
- His mark was made in India (7)
- Bird pecked another (7)
- Set method of communication (5)
- They have some point in the desert (8)
- Costly farmer writes I've gathered together (9)
- Consumer items that are cut and polished (5)
- Not quick or not quick enough (4)
- It's very well known to have had a festival (10)

DOWN

- It's not fair (4)
- Doing as is required for identification (9)
- Trace out a way to respond (5)
- Ant set about making a complaint (7)
- The talk of the district (7)
- Object made of thin string (5)
- Putting down some of the main dangers of war (10)
- Pet cried out on its last legs (8)
- Twisted killer bent on finding Peter Pan's friend (6,4)
- Mixed Asian settlement (8)
- Change for the better? (9)
- A loathsome creature - repel it perhaps (7)
- Be sure about including a thousand Easterner's (7)
- Hi out the French vessel (5)
- Mother making the final move? (5)
- Drop woman anote (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reprod, 5 Pedal, 8 Copulent, 9 Pat, 10 Ribs, 12 Novelist, 14 Amie, 15 Scaps, 17 Duty call, 18 Herb, 21 Nun, 22 In the dark, 24 Arson, 25 Hotspur.
Down: 1 Recur, 2 Par, 3 Onus, 4 Faena, 5 Patience, 6 Duplicate, 7 Litotes, 11 Baritone, 13 Eviction, 14 Addenda, 16 Clutch, 19 Balier, 20 Rest, 23 Amp.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kruke

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THEY ONLY WANTED THE SUPPLIES FROM THE TANK, SO THE STORE'S EMPLOYEE...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW
YESTERDAY'S Jumbles: (CAME) PAUSE (STICKY) SWAMPY
ANSWER: The talkative young fashion designer made her own clothing. — "SEW" TO SPEAK

CM lauds Tejasvi for exposing bed scam

Yediyurappa's support to Surya comes after senior BJP leaders like B L Santhosh publicly backs MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THREE days after Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya landed in a controversy while highlighting an alleged bed allotment scam in the BBMP, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa came out in his support.

Responding to the attack on the MP by Opposition leaders for purportedly fanning communal targeting, Yediyurappa said Surya had exposed a scam and the attacks against him were condemnable. "Tejasvi Surya worked very hard, took risks to expose this scam and bring it to the government's notice. I spoke to him for an hour about it and took necessary actions. I, on behalf of the government, appreciate his effort. He has presented facts of the matter," the CM said.

He also took exception to Congress leaders attacking the BJP MP. "People like Zameer Ahmed are attacking Tejasvi as if he has done something wrong. I urge everybody to refrain from speaking so lightly about Tejasvi Surya," Yediyurappa added, hailing Surya for highlighting the alleged scam.

Surya, along with three other BJP MLAs -- Ravi Subramanya, Satish Reddy and Uday Garudachar -- had visited the South Zone BBMP Covid-19 war room on Tuesday and read out names of Muslim staffers, insinuating their involvement in the alleged scam. The BJP leaders singling out Muslim staffers brought them under severe criticism, with the Opposition accusing them of communalising the issue.

Yediyurappa's backing of Surya comes after senior BJP leaders like party National General Secretary B L Santhosh publicly backed Surya and rejected claims of the issue being communalised. BJP sources said the CM's silence on the issue over the past three days was making way for more criticism being thrown the party's way. Yediyurappa, however, conveniently refused to say anything about the names Surya read out in the war room, or Satish Reddy levelling accusations against them, or Ravi Subramanya asking if appointments were being made "for corporation or madrasas".

Congress leader Zameer Ahmed had asked why Surya did not see anyone else other than Muslims. "There were 205 employees ... but you singled out only 16 Muslims. How fair is this? It shows how venomous you are, Tejasvi Surya," Khan said.

Responding to CM's statement backing him, Surya took to his social media pages to thank him.



CM turns to Bengaluru's guardian deity

CM Yediyurappa began Friday with a visit to Bengaluru's ancient Annamma Devi temple in Gandhinagar. He offered special prayers at the small shrine of Goddess Annamma, known to be the guardian deity of Bengaluru since the time of the city's founder, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. "I have offered prayers to the mother and have sought an end to this pandemic and good health of all citizens. With the Goddess' grace, I am confident this too shall pass," Yediyurappa told reporters after his temple visit.

SURYA VISITS WAR ROOM TO APOLOGISE FOR SLUR, STAFFERS PULL OFF STING



MP Tejasvi Surya reportedly visited the BBMP war room on Thursday and expressed regret

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HIDING from media cameras, and even his own team, MP Tejasvi Surya on Thursday night visited the South Zone war room to apologise to the staffers whom he had publicly insulted just two days ago. Though he made it clear there should be no audio or video recording of his visit, BBMP staffers did not quite trust him, and carried out a sting operation.

They recorded his conversation with the staffers and even took photographs of him talking to them and apologising. He even offered some bizarre solutions to deal with the mess. While Surya's official Twitter handle @offtejasvisurya

said: "With No News, they create fake news", the audio and photographs shared with TNIE present a different story. Surya was at the war room at 7pm Thursday, and waited in the parking lot before visiting the staffers at 7.30pm, when the crowd was thin.

In the audio he is heard saying: "I am really sorry. It was not my intention. My aim was to help for beds, not to leak numbers or put people down. I understand your problem that your numbers have been leaked and you are getting calls. I am not saying all are responsible, but some are and they have been arrested."

He also tried to offer solutions like: "Change your numbers. I will

give you all new SIM cards. Switch off your mobile phones for two-three days and those harassing you will stop. Take calls only from family members and known people and ignore the rest, like I do."

These solutions, however, did not go down well with the staffers who questioned him as to how their numbers got leaked, and how could they change their personal numbers which were linked to bank accounts and other government records.

Surya tried to put the blame on the agency and BBMP officials, saying they had made the staffers' numbers public and they had gone viral. Since the numbers are on various social media platforms, difficult to delete them, he said, and offered to file a police complaint on their behalf. "The issue will die down in 4-5 days time, until then please bear... the best thing is to ignore and switch off your phones... I had to inquire because my voters were questioning me," he said.

To make up for the damage, he said, "As soon as vaccines for those above 18 years come to South Zone, you will be given the first dose and I will take it with you."

The staffers later told TNIE: "If the MP thought he can do a sting, well, we can too. We don't believe a word he says. It is because of him that many have not come back and some are going to be removed. The future of youth is now at stake."



PUBLIC SERVICE

Congress MLC B K Hariprasad flags off a free ambulance service for Covid patients in Banashankari on Friday | EXPRESS

CM must ask mutts to chip in, says MLC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

BJP MLC A H Vishwanath said religious mutts that benefited from Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's donations immensely, must come forward and help the needy in this hour of crisis.

He said the Chief Minister, who gave hundreds of crores of rupees to mutts from the state exchequer, must ask them to reciprocate now.

"Mutts must come forward to supply medicine, food and whatever is possible, as people are struggling. Those mutts running health and other allied institutions must reserve beds and also provide manpower to cater to the needs of patients," he said.

Clarifying that he has nothing personal against the Chief Minister, the MLC felt the powerhouse called the Chief Minister's Office has

lost its sheen, and wanted it to be more dynamic and responsive.

He said the CM should have stopped the deputy commissioners of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, who were involved in mudslinging, from going to the public as a probe has been ordered. "We are not at the mercy of officials," he said.

Stating that the BBMP bed scam has tarnished the image of the government as it was exposed by a ruling party MP, he said: "Tejasvi Surya has done a great job." He urged District Minister S T Somashekar not to go by officials' version, and instead, visit hospitals.

He said Karnataka should follow the Andhra Pradesh government model, which has announced that private and government hospitals should provide treatment as the bills will be paid by the government.

Increase in oxygen quota will bring relief, says Shettar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Supreme Court decision not to interfere with the Karnataka High Court order on increasing the allocation of oxygen to treat Covid-19 patients has come as a big relief for Karnataka that is battling a surge in cases. The top court on Friday directed the Centre to increase oxygen allocation to the state to 1,200 metric tons from 965 metric tons.

"The increase in allocation to 1,200 MT will provide some immediate relief to the state," Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar told The New Indian Express on Friday. Shettar is the minister in charge of augmenting oxygen supplies in the state to meet the sudden increase in demand.

The minister said the State Government has already sent a request to the Centre asking for an increase in the allocation and a formal order is expected soon. The state has also requested the Centre to reserve oxygen produced locally for its own use. Shettar has held several rounds of talks with industries to ramp up oxygen production and resolve issues related to transportation. The government is also looking at restarting defunct oxygen plants in the state.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said the requirement of oxygen increased after the surge in the cases and now, with the hike in allocation, the state can raise the number of oxygenated beds and ensure sufficient supply to patients. Shortage of oxygen has been reported from several parts of the state, including Bengaluru and Covid-19 patients are struggling to get oxygenated beds and ventilators. At the Chamarajanagar district hospital, 24 Covid-19 patients died, allegedly due to oxygen shortage.

BJP launches 'My Booth' to aid in Covid fight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE BJP has launched a campaign titled 'My booth - Corona-Free Booth' to help people in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the state.

"We have opened call centres and care centres throughout the state. These centres have started functioning in about 350 places," state BJP general secretary and MLC N Ravi Kumar told the media on Friday. He said that as part of the campaign, they provide vital information about hospitals and ventilators, among others. "As many as 56,211 party workers are involved in the campaign across the country," he added.

"The NGO Jana Seva and BJP have jointly set up a 500-bed hospital in seven districts, including Belagavi, Vijayapura, Ballari, Kalaburgi and Bidar. Oxygen ventilators have been provided for emergencies. In Bengaluru, three isolation centres have been set up," Kumar said.

The MLC added that they would continue to do these tasks and are dedicated to serving society.

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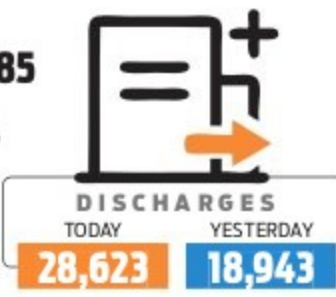
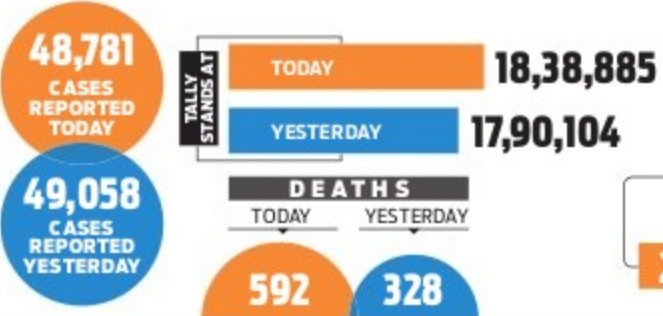
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TRACKING SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA



The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until May 7, 2021, a total of 18,38,885 cases have been reported in 1 year and 59 days...



VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS	
Health care workers 1st dose	6,88,188
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,42,552
Frontline workers 1st dose	4,51,687
Frontline workers 2nd dose	1,72,375
Age 18-45 1st dose	7,785
Age 45-60 1st dose	36,96,443
Age 45-60 2nd dose	3,75,183
Above 60 1st dose	35,82,280
Above 60 2nd dose	9,00,193

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

21,376 BENGALURU URBAN	Bagalokote: 661	Chamarajanagara: 725	Dakshina Kannada: 1,633	Hassan: 2,422	Kolar: 828	Raichuru: 762	Udupi: 976
959 BENGALURU RURAL	Ballari: 1,284	Chikkaballapura: 734	Davanagere: 538	Haveri: 214	Koppala: 523	Ramanagara: 501	Uttara Kannada: 833
	Belagavi: 965	Chikkamagaluru: 632	Dharwad: 942	Kalaburagi: 1,722	Mandya: 1,110	Shivamogga: 563	Vijayapura: 445
	Bidar: 437	Chitradurga: 126	Gadag: 248	Kodagu: 622	Mysuru: 2,246	Tumakuru: 3,040	Yadagiri: 714

- Even government facilities are asking critical patients to move out
- Any facility can be converted into critical care unit, monitored remotely: Senior doctor

HOSPITALS ASK PATIENTS TO HUNT FOR BEDS

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

AS the Covid second wave rages on, private hospitals are asking patients to hunt for ICU beds on their own. A woman Covid patient, 44-year-old Chandra Kumari (name changed), who was being treated at Ravi Kirloskar Hospital, was told to find an ICU bed as her condition started deteriorating with her oxygen saturation levels dipping. When her family members called up the BBMP helpline, they were told to go to a hospital in Rajarajeshwarinagar where she had been allocated a bed. As they were getting ready to leave, the hospital called them up and asked them not to come as no ICU beds were available. The anxious relatives had not found a bed, even 24 hours after the search.

ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava has warned that the second wave has been more severe than the first one, and people are turning critical within the first week of the infection, while it was two weeks or more in the first wave. In another instance, Amrutesh Sharma (54) (name changed), who was suffering from Covid pneumonia and desaturation and has comorbidities, reached Sagar Hospital after searching for beds for two days. His oxygen saturation level was 70 without oxygen support. The day he got admitted, his condition started worsening, and by evening, the hospital told him to vacate as there were no ICU beds. He managed to get a bed through the BBMP helpline at a Covid ward. His condition continued to worsen and early on Thursday morning, he needed ventilation support and plasma transfusion. He continued to be critical on Friday.

Not just private hospitals, even government facilities are asking critical patients to move out as they do not have ICU beds. A 60-year-old patient at the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases was asked to shift to another facility around 10 am on Thursday. His relatives were told to search for an ICU bed as his condition had deteriorated. A senior doctor said that any facility can be converted into a temporary ICU and monitored remotely if there is a shortage of experts. He advised that the government should divide hospitals into primary, secondary and tertiary care units and allocate beds to patients depending on their condition.



Autos queue up to refill oxygen cylinders | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

CEO of pvt hospital breaks down as 100 patients face shortage of oxygen

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

IT is not just patients or their relatives, who are breaking down unable to find oxygenated beds, but even hospital chiefs are cracking under pressure.

Dr Jothi S Neeraja, CEO of People Tree Hospital in Yeshwanthpur, sobbed uncontrollably while talking to *The New Indian Express* as her hospital was severely short of oxygen on Thursday even as 100 critically ill patients were dependent on it.

"It was a nightmare for all of us. Our hospital looked like a war room as we were continuously making calls to get oxygen. All the doctors joined the search, making calls to oxygen suppliers, different hospitals and even elected representatives to help us out. We tried so hard that we all broke down as the lives of 100 patients were at risk. I sent an SOS to many hospitals to accommodate these patients, but no beds were available anywhere," she said.



People Tree Hospital in Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru

The hospital requires 3,000 litres of liquid oxygen every day. On Thursday, with the intervention of an elected representative, they got some oxygen stock. "But it will last only for 12 hours. What will we do after that? Once it is over, it will be the same story again. All oxygen suppliers are saying that they don't have stocks and we are not getting help from anywhere," she said.

The hospital has now decided to reduce the number of admission of patients dependent on oxygen.

"We had 10 discharges on Friday, but we are not taking in new admissions, as we have no oxygen. We don't want to risk the lives of patients," she added.

New pipeline in Rly hosp to ensure steady oxy supply

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

TO ensure the ICU patients in the 72-bed Railway Hospital behind KSR railway station do not face an oxygen shortage, a new pipeline to transport oxygen will be installed within a couple of days. This is to solve the issue of a suspected oxygen leak in the existing pipeline. For the past one week, the hospital has been facing a huge shortage of oxygen.

The hospital has a centralised oxygen system in which the gas is circulated to all the floors in the hospital using pipes in the wall. A top railway source said, "There seemed to be a gap between the amount of oxygen we were supplying to the patients and the quantity they were utilizing. Just like water pipes, there is a very high possibility of a leak in some points."

Divisional Railway Manager, A K Verma told TNIE, "A 12m pipeline will be put in place that will directly connect to

our patients who are on ventilators and those that need high nasal flow oxygen. It is likely to be in place by Saturday."

Asked about the oxygen shortage, Verma said, "The General Manager of South Western Railway has written to the Chief Secretary explaining the situation here."

The contract for an oxygen generation plant to be installed at the Railway Hospital at a cost of Rs 50 lakh would be awarded within three days. "It is likely to be ready within two months," he said. A liquid oxygen tank is set to be before July 15 by global firm, Praxair Inc, which would supply oxygen through its tankers, the DRM said.

The Hospital was also in the process of buying 40 concentrators to tide over oxygen shortage. The Railway Division has a massive surge in covid positive patients with the Railway Hospital as well as its 75-bedded covid care centre full and a huge waiting list.

Govt subsidy for O₂ plant in pvt med colleges

Bengaluru: The State Government will subsidise upgradation of medical gas facilities at private medical colleges by covering 70 per cent of the cost of installing liquid medical oxygen plants.

To receive the subsidy, private medical college hospitals must come under the Ayushman Bharat scheme and provide medical help to the poor under government-approved rates. They will also have to reserve beds under government quota at all times, said a letter from the principal secretary of the Medical Education Department to heads of all private medical colleges.

"The National Medical Council has mandated that all beds at teaching hospitals should have central oxygen and suction points through piped supply from liquid oxygen tanks. It has also been instructed that each medical college shall install an oxygen generator of Pressure Swing Adsorption technology apart from a liquid oxygen tank within the next six months," the letter read. ENS

FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT

Most deaths due to breathlessness in 2nd wave: Experts

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OF the 592 Covid patients who died on Friday, 440 had symptoms of "breathlessness". Experts said that this has been one of the major symptoms in the second wave.

"We have been witnessing more cases of breathlessness, while in the previous wave, symptoms like dry cough, joint pain and headaches were more," said Dr Manjunath C N, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiac Sciences, and a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for Covid.

Medical experts working with the State Government said that most patients reporting breathlessness are ending up in ICUs or dying at their residences. "The deterioration can be sudden especially if there's 'happy hypoxia', which is considered a silent symptom. A patient has an extremely low oxygen level, but doesn't show any obvious external signs such as breathlessness," said Dr S Sachchidanand, Vice-Chancellor, RGHS.

Testing at the right time, isolating themselves in advance, not trying to treat on their own and monitoring saturation levels continuously are important, explained Dr Ravindra Mehta, senior pulmonologist, Apollo Hospitals. "Many youngsters try to 'manage' sore throat, fever etc with some basic medicines but the problem starts on Day 7 of the illness when the oxygen levels start to fall below 94, leading to complications or deaths," explained Dr Mehta.

Dr Manjunath said that when there is a massive involvement of lungs, the saturation level falls to a low which is also called a cytokine storm. "Most of these patients have significant pneumonia. This shows up between Day 7 and Day 10," he added. He warned that people in home isolation, especially mildly symptomatic



and asymptomatic, should not be negligent after five or seven days. They must keep monitoring the saturation levels and also do the six-minute walk test. Patients should check the saturation level first and then walk for six minutes continuously and recheck the saturation. If it has fallen four points below the earlier saturation then he/she needs to see the doctor immediately, he explained.

"Patients in the age group of 20-40 are coming in for admission, showing they too don't have immunity benefits due to the new variant. Involvement of lungs has been high with this variant," said Dr Manjunath.

Dr Vishal Rao, Head and Neck Oncologist and member of Covid Task Force, said, "Usually, there is shortness of breath when people have low oxygen supply. This is not happening in Covid patients. They don't realise it unless the oxygen level becomes really low (below 90). The mechanism is unclear."

While inflammation is a reason, clots and anxiety too are other factors for a patient to end up feeling breathless, say medical experts. People should not only monitor oxygen levels but also do tests like D Dimer, CRP, IL6 on Day 7 to know if they need intervention.

"Even after recovery, some patients may need to take blood thinners and should continue to monitor oxygen levels if they feel fatigued or breathless. Worsening of symptoms from Day 1 to Day 7 is also a flag to seek hospitalisation and medical help," Dr Manjunath said.

Pharmacies, banks allowed in lockdown

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YEDIYURAPPA o on Friday morning had insisted that a lockdown would become inevitable, given the number of cases in the state and announced it later in the evening. During a meeting of ministers and officials in the day, the CM asked for a detailed 'impact assessment report on last year's lockdown for cues. The decision to allow pushcart vendors till 6 pm, in-situ construction and industrial production were taken based on the report.

"In-situ construction and industrial production is allowed. I appeal to labourers not to rush back to their hometowns," Yediyurappa said in his announcement.

Essential services like pharmacies, chemists, fuel stations, banks, ATMs, government offices, etc., will be allowed during the lockdown. Medical supply production units, agriculture and allied activities, food processing industry, public utilities like electricity and water boards will remain open.

Horrific new peak for Karnataka: 592 deaths

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KARNATAKA recorded the highest single-day Covid deaths since the onset of the pandemic at 592. Among them, 346 deaths were from Bengaluru Urban. The total number of Covid deaths in the State is now 17,804 and the case fatality ratio for the day was 1.21 per cent.

Karnataka, which is in second position after Maharashtra in total cases, added 48,781 new cases, taking the tally to 1,83,885. The total active cases

are now 5,36,641, up from 5,17,075 the previous day. The state's positivity rate for the day was 30.69 per cent.

On a bright note, the State hit the highest discharges in a day at 28,623, an increase from 18,943 on Thursday. The total discharges are now 12,84,420. Recovery ratio of the state is 69.84 per cent, down from 71.04 per cent on Thursday.

Bengaluru Urban continues to record a high number of cases among districts. It reported 21,376 new cases, taking the tally to 9,08,462. It was 8,87,086 the



Swab samples being collected near a health centre Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

previous day. The city's discharges were 11,784 and the total was 5,58,992 with 3,41,978 active cases. Bengaluru's

such children. Paediatrician and adolescent health specialist Dr Preeti Galgali said, "The medical fraternity has been very concerned about the orphaning of children. Some hospitals are working out the finer details of what to do with the child, and getting parents to sign a declaration or give instructions when entire families are hospitalised, about what should be done if anything

goes wrong. An older child could be asked about preferences, considering the voice of the child is very important. Putting a distressed child in a child care institution should be the last option. What is most important is a psychosocial support system and grief counselling."

Aloma Lobo, former chairperson, Central Adoption Resource Authority, said, "Parents should give in writing

about the future of minor children to guardians or authorities, if they are both serious in hospital. They could make a legal declaration and get a lawyer to say who will be the legal guardian. The person who is proposed to be the guardian also has to give consent in writing. It is like a will and needs to be legally valid. If this kind of arrangement is not available, it will go through child welfare authorities."

According to Edward Thomas, former member of the State Child Rights Commission, "In case of an orphaned child, the first and best responsibility is the next of kin of the child. If there is no one to look after the child, they can call 1098 Childline. There are other institutional support groups like the District Child Protection unit, Child Welfare Commission, Special Juvenile Police unit and local police."



BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru:

THE pandemic is running its cruel course, leaving in its wake orphaned children and broken homes. In many cases, children are left in the custody of a close relative or friend as their parents battle Covid in hospitals, sometimes successfully, and sometimes not.

Faced with such a situation, the medical fraternity is now concerned about the future of

Hospitals' disturbing question to parents: What happens to your child?

UNCERTAIN FATE

Set up special courts for POCSO cases, state told

High Court notes that the requirement of Section 35 is for the benefit of the child victim and not for the accused

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THE Karnataka High Court directed the State Government to take steps towards setting up of the requisite number of special courts to try cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), and provide the necessary infrastructure and manpower to them.

A special division bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice MG Uma issued several directions while ruling that the non-compliance of Section 35 of the Act is not a

ground to release an accused on bail.

According to Section 35, recording the evidence of the child should be made within 30 days of the special court taking cognisance and conclude the trial within one year from the date of taking cognisance of the offence.

Noting that the requirement of Section 35 is for the benefit of the child victim and not for the accused, the court directed the government to appoint or post exclusively-trained prosecutors to handle cases before the special courts under the POC-

SO Act, which should be made forthwith wherever such prosecutors are not yet appointed.

"We direct that a dedicated unit be set up in every district hospital to attend to the child victim and provide proper medical facilities, and whenever necessary, referral to a private hospital be permitted," the HC said, while directing the State Government to make available mental health professionals to every child, who could help the latter out of trauma, and for rehabilitation

and reintegration. The cost of the same is to be borne by the state, it added.

Further, the court directed the state to appoint adequate support persons to the child victims and conduct a study whether they are discharging their duties effectively and take immediate measures as per the study's recommendations.

The court observed that these directions should be complied with on a timely basis, lest the object and purpose of the POCSO Act stand dilut-

ed on account of the non-implementation of its provisions in its true letter and spirit by the state and other stakeholders.

Last but not the least, "we direct the presiding officers of all special courts to comply with Section 35 of the Act in the matter of recording of evidence of the child victim and the conclusion of the trial within the time stipulated under the said provision, so that the justice delivery system does not in any way contribute to the trauma, mental disturbance and anxiety of the child, which could lead to severe impact on the behaviour and personality of the child", the court said.

We direct that a dedicated unit be set up in every district hospital to attend to the child victim and provide proper medical facilities, and whenever necessary, referral to a private hospital be permitted
-Karnataka High Court

'OXYGEN WARS' BREW BETWEEN MYSURU AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

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WHILE the country is seeing states fight over their share of oxygen, in confrontation and intervention of the courts, Karnataka is witnessing a fight over medical oxygen brewing between districts.

Mysuru, and its neighbours, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu, which lack any oxygen generation and refilling facilities, as well as nearby Hassan, have gotten into a row following the recent tragedy which killed nearly 24 people due to a lack of oxygen in the Chamarajanagara District Hospital.

The districts are witnessing unprecedented scenes, such as Mandya district in-charge minister K C Narayan Gowda arriving with police to take possession of 350 refilled oxygen cylinders, which reportedly are its quota, from a private refilling unit in Mysuru as per an MoU, following complaints over denial of the gas. Similarly, Chamarajanagar district in-charge minister S Suresh Kumar and the DC also reportedly arrived in Mysuru to take their stock of oxygen, much to the chagrin of representatives and party colleagues there.

Disappointed with such happenings, MLAs of Mysuru and the MP have raised their voice. In a strongly-worded rebuttal, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, who now heads the task force for oxygen and Remdesivir management in the district, said such pressure tactics and acts are unacceptable and will be prevented in future.

Playing the argument by Mandya and Chamarajanagar authorities that they are only taking what is agreed under the MoU, Pratap Simha said that currently, oxygen is being given to other districts on a humanitarian basis and taking control of it is unacceptable.

He added that IP cameras linked to a control room will be installed at refilling plants and at the distributors' end to monitor 'unauthorised' refilling, though he did not mention the interference from



MP Pratap Simha holds an IP camera to be installed at oxygen refilling plants in Mysuru | UDAYSANKAR S

Experts visit Chamarajanagar hospital to take stock

In the wake of the recent deaths of Covid patients in the Chamarajanagar District Hospital, a team of experts visited the facility and looked into case sheets and condition of patients. The team comprising Mysuru District Hospital RMO Dr Nayaz Pasha and PKTB Hospital Superintendent Dr Veerupasha spoke to a few patients, duty doctors and authorities, and will submit a report in two days to the government.

neighbouring districts.

Later in the day, addressing an interaction, MLA GT Devegowda also highlighted the delay in deciding oxygen quota for each district.

He said that oxygen wars are happening between neighbouring districts in the region, and added that Mysuru is already getting less than its demand. "What is the Chief Secretary doing? Are the officials sleeping? Despite an incident in Chamarajanagar, why is there a delay in deciding a quota?" he asked.

Meanwhile, reacting to the statement of Pratap Simha, Suresh Kumar said his visit to Mysuru was only to understand the process and bottlenecks first hand and added that he does not practice impulsive actions or pressure tactics.

2 held for selling Remdesivir in black

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@ Bengaluru

OFFICERS of the Central Crime Branch on Friday arrested two suspects, who were allegedly selling Remdesivir in the black market and seized six vials of the drug from them. A total of 55 suspects, including doctors, medical shop owners and medical representatives, have been arrested by Bengaluru City Police in connection with this crime so far.

The accused have been identified as Harinath and Narayana Swamy, both residents of Electronic City.

A senior police officer said that the two suspects work for a pharma company, and were in contact with a few people who were looking for Remdesivir injections. Harinath called



Harinath (left) and Narayana Swamy | EXPRESS

them and demanded Rs 20,000 for each dose. It was when the two went to deliver the vials that a waiting police team moved in and arrested them. During interrogation, they revealed seven other names of accused, who are absconding. They allegedly stocked Remdesivir in their office and homes. A special team has been formed to nab the others.

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ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ
ಸೂಚನಾಪತ್ರ/ನೋಟೀಸ್/ಸೂಚನೆ-12&3/ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು/2020-21/321 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07-05-2021
ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಧ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಇವರಿಂದ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸುಸ್ಥಿರವಾಗಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ
1) ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರ ಕಛೇರಿ
1) Indent No-27406 (Yandigeri)-APT-53-28 CALL-4
2) Indent No-30198 (Saraswati Nagar)-APT-52-83 CALL-5
3) Indent No-30202 (Haladurga)-APT-61-86 CALL-6
4) Indent No-32864 (Hullikeri)-APT-99-03 CALL-3
2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಕಛೇರಿ: ಜಲ ಬೇಸದ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್-2020-21
3) ಸುಸ್ಥಿರವಾಗಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹತೆ: 3 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಪಾಸ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು
4) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ ಪ್ರಕಾರ
5) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14-05-2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಷಯ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17-05-2021 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ
7) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ವಿಷಯ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-05-2021 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ
8) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ವಿಳಾಸ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ
ಟಿಪ್ಪಣಿ:- 1) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮೊದಲನೇ ಕಡೆಗೆ ದರವನ್ನು ಸಮುದಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಪಟ್ಟಿ
DD/FDR ಮು. ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಇವರ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಮೊದಲ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಿಂಗ್ ಮೇಲ್ಮೈ ಪ್ರಕಾರ
2) ಸುಸ್ಥಿರವಾಗಿರುವ 12% GST ಯನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುವ ಕಡತ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಹಿ:-
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ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ನಿರೂಪಕ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ
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ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
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Phone No: 08151-238599, 238621
E-Mail: cb0823@canarabank.com
(A Government of India Undertaking)
DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
"We, Canara Bank, Chikkaturupathi Branch has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned above. Since the notice has not been acknowledged returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixing at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.
1) Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantor :-
(1) Sri Ananda Reddy C (Borrower/Proprietor: SBP Service Station) #82, Sri Ananda Nilaya Royal Heritage, 5th Cross, Bannerghatta Road, Golligere, Bengaluru - 560083 (2) Sri Jayappa (Guarantor/Mortgagee) S/o Sri Aralimuttu, Adigandahalli village, Muttanur Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560099.
[Details of the credit facilities availed by the Borrower]
Sl. No. Nature of Loan/Limit Loan No. Date of Sanction Amount
1 Open cash credit - Rs. 48,00,000/-
Total Liability Amount: Rs 55,99,891.47/- (Rupees Fifty Five lakhs ninety nine thousand eight hundred and ninety one only and forty seven paise) as on 06.04.2021 with further cost and charges and incidental expenses and costs together with interest at the rate of 10.90%.
NPA Date: 30.03.2021 Demand Notice Dated: 06.04.2021
Details of Property: Property No.1: Municipal Khata No 1469/1401/735/47, Extent E-W: 40 feet N-S: 15'40/2 feet totally measuring 1100 sq ft Property No.2: Municipal Khata No 1470/1402/735/47A, Extent E-W: 20 feet N-S: 14 feet totally measuring 280 sq ft Location: both situated near Muneswara Temple, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District Boundaries: E: Site and house belongs to Khadarbasha W: Road, N: Government Pathway, S: House belongs to Srimadhevi and site no 48
Property No. 3: Site No 1999/All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site no: 1999, Block 2, Category: MIG E Khata, PID No 15020010020022134, property no: 1999/B2/MIG measuring E-W: 9.00 meters N-S: 15 meters totally measuring an extent of 135 sq m. Situated at Surya Nagar Phase III, Jigala Yadvanahalli, Adigandahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District Boundaries: East: Site No 2000/B2/MIG West: Site No 1998/B2/MIG North: Road South: Site No 1821 and 1821A/B2/HIG-1.
You are hereby called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers availed to Canara Bank under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagee including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.
Date : 06.05.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Canara Bank

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R.W.S.&S. DIVISION, NUAPADA.
2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. RWS&S_02/2021-22
0-145: Remaining unaltered of all terms and conditions, the following changes are hereby made to Bid Identification No. RWS&S_02/2021-22 of the Executive engineer, RWS&S Division, Nuapada by virtue of this corrigendum as mentioned below:
As per 1st Corrigendum As per 2nd Corrigendum
Date and Time of availability of bid document in the portal: 04.05.2021 at 10.00 A.M. Date and Time of availability of bid document in the portal: 12.05.2021 at 10.00 A.M.
Last date /Time for receipt of bids in the portal : 11.05.2021 up to 5.00 P.M. Last date /Time for receipt of bids in the portal : 18.05.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.
Date of Opening of bid: 13.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M. Date of Opening of bid: 20.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.
Sd/-06.05.21 (Er. G. C. Nayak)
Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Nuapada OIPR- 25043/11/0006/2122

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE
Tel: 06782-262249, Fax: 262931, email: eerrws_bls@nic.in, eerrwsbls@gmail.com.
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Tendering
Identification No. 07 Dt. 05-05-2021
0-144
1. Nos. of Work : 15 Nos RPWS schemes in Balasore district.
2. Estimated cost : Rs. 42.54 lakhs to Rs. 160.00 lakhs
3. Period of completion : 330 days
4. Availability of bid document in Portal : Dt. 12.05.2021 at 10.00 hours to 21-05-2021 up to 17.00 hours through online.
5. Seeking of Clarification : Dt. 12.05.21 at 10.00 hours to Dt. 18.05.2021 up to 15.00 hours
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 24.05.2021 at 11.00 hours in the O/O EE, RWSS Division, Balasore.
7. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Tender : Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balasore
Bid Cost & Bid Security will be receipt through electronic payment by NEFT / RTGS.
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RWS&S DIVISION, BALASORE. OIPR- 250 13/11/0002/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE-II, CHANDIKHOLE
Email ID :- sec2chandikhole@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice No. SEEC-II /01 of 2021-22 (On-line)
A-101
1. Name of Works : As per detailed tender call notice
2. Total No. of Works : 12 (Twelve) Nos. Individual Packages
3. Tender paper Cost : Rs.10,000/- (On-line payment) (Non-refundable) for each Package
4. Bid Security : "Bid Security Declaration" as per FD O.M No. FIN-COD-MISC- 0007-2019/8943/F dated 18.03.2021.
Procurement Officer
Sl. No. Bid Identification No. Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakh) (Approx.) Class of Contractor Period of completion Availability of Tender On-line for bidding Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole
1 SEEC-II AUI 01 OF 2021-22 632.90 Special & Super 09 (Nine) calendar months 12.05.2021 at 10.00 hrs. 27.05.2021 at 11.30 hrs.
2 SEEC-II PD 02 OF 2021-22 623.67 Special & Super 09 (Nine) calendar months
3 SEEC-II PD 02 OF 2021-22 145.00 B & A 04 (Four) calendar months
4 SEEC-II PD 03 OF 2021-22 291.87 B & A 04 (Four) calendar months
5 SEEC-II PD 04 OF 2021-22 748.54 Special & Super 09 (Nine) calendar months
6 SEEC-II PD 05 OF 2021-22 705.66 Special & Super 09 (Nine) calendar months
7 SEEC-II PD 06 OF 2021-22 839.82 Special & Super 11 (Eleven) calendar months
8 SEEC-II KID 01 OF 2021-22 341.59 A & Special 05 (Five) calendar months
9 SEEC-II KID 02 OF 2021-22 452.32 A & Special 06 (Six) calendar months
10 SEEC-II KID 03 OF 2021-22 565.21 A & Special 06 (Six) calendar months
11 SEEC-II KID 04 OF 2021-22 829.03 Special & Super 11 (Eleven) calendar months
12 SEEC-II KID 01 OF 2021-22 695.01 Special & Super 09 (Nine) calendar months
e-mail id : sec2chandikhole@gmail.com
Further detailed conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd/- (Er. Chandeswar Behara)
Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle-II, Chandikhole OIPR- 32322/11/0001/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE: SAMBALPUR
e - Procurement
BID IDENTIFICATION No SENC (RAND B) /01/ 2021-22
No.1229 Dtd. 05.05.2021
B-73
1. The Superintending Engineer, Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE for the construction of Building works as detailed in the DTGN from the eligible class of contractors.
2. No of works = 02 (Two) (Road Works).
3. Tender Cost : Rs. 10,000/-
4. Class of contractor: "B" Class, "A" Class, "Special" Class and "Super" Class
5. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids From 12.05.2021 to 17.00 Hours of 27.05.2021.
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid 28.05.2021 at 11.00 Hours.
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
8. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tender No: BSCL/ICEA/TND-62/2020-21/ Call-3/102 Date:06/05/2021
On behalf of the Managing Director Belagavi Smart city Limited Belagavi bids are invited from eligible bidders through E-Procurement under KTPP Act 1999 for the below mentioned projects. Further details may be downloaded from the e-procurement website of Government of Karnataka (<https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>)
1. The date from which document can be downloaded is 07/05/2021 to 20/05/2021 up to 5.00 pm
2. Last Date for Submission of Bid 20/05/2021 Up to 5.30 PM
3. Pre Bid Meeting is on 13/05/2021 At 11:30AM at BSCL office
4. Technical Bid Opening is on 24/05/2021 at 11.00 AM
5. Financial Bid Opening is on 29/05/2021 At 11.00 AM
Sl. No. Name of Work Estimated Amount (in Lakhs) EMD Amount (in Lakhs) Period of Completion of works Cost of Tender Document Category of Contractor
01 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHARTERED ENGINEERING AGENCY (ICEA) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT FOR STREET LIGHTS BY REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CONVENTIONAL LAMPS WITH LED LAMPS ALONG WITH CENTRA LISED CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEM (CCMS) IN BELAGAVI CITY OF KARNATAKA (CALL-3) 109.73 As per Government order No. 675 ಮೈತ್ರಿ 12/2020, Bengaluru dated: 22-12-2020 agency/contractor must upload figured EMD declaration (As per APPENDIX-G of LED R/PCA document) 94 Months As per E-Portal As per REP Document
Sd/-
Deputy General Manager (Procurement)
Belagavi Smart City Limited
DIPQ/BGA/RONO.65/21-22



VEERASHAIVA SAHAKARI BANK LTD.,

Administrative Office : No. 1732/32, M.C.Road,
M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040
Phone : 23307070 / 23358017 Fax : 23148550
E-mail : vsbbengaluru@gmail.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040 under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice from our **Vijayanagara Branch** calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice. The borrower has failed to repay the loan amount & interest.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the Authorised Officer (undersigned) has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the respective properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560 040.

Description of the Immovable Property

1. Name & Address of the Borrower	Sri Umesh S/o Late Somashekaraiah No. 2, Chunchanakuppe at and Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.
Name & Address of the Guarantors	1) Smt. Annapoorna W/o Sri Umesh 2) Sri Manjunath U. S/o Sri Umesh 3) Pooja C.U. D/o Sri Umesh all are residing at No. 2, Chunchanakuppe at and Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.
Loan A/c No.	(1) MTLN/538 & (2) SURLN/1822 (Vijayanagara Branch)
Balance Outstanding	1) Towards principle due Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees twenty five lakh only) and towards interest & other charges due Rs. 2,11,065/- (Rupees two lakh eleven thousand and sixty five only) and 2) Towards principle due Rs. 1,73,196/- (Rupees one lakh seventy three thousand one hundred ninety six only) and towards interest & other charges due Rs. 9,423/- (Rupees nine thousand four hundred twenty three only) as on 27-04-2021 & further interest & other charges as applicable.
Date of Demand Notice	27-01-2021
Possession taken on	03-05-2021
Description of the Immovable Property :	As per Annexure (A) & Measuring As per Annexure (A) Standing in the name of Borrower and Bounded by: East by : As per Annexure (A) West by : As per Annexure (A) North by : As per Annexure (A) South by : As per Annexure (A)
Sd/- Authorised Officer Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd., Bangalore-560 040	
Bangalore Date : 07-05-2021	

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NO. 13772776W, RANK: L/NK, **AMIT KUMAR, R/O VILL: DHUMA, PO: BAHINA, TEHSIL: BARSIL, DIST: HAMIRPUR BAHNA (3371).** HIMACHAL PRADESH 174309, UNIT: C/O 56 APO PRTC, TRG BN, JC NAGAR, BENGALURU-560006. HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY SON FROM **AARYA SHARMA TO ARYA SHARMA, VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 07/05/2021, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY SIVAKUMARA .M.N, BENGALURU.**

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI C. MISC. No. 94/2021
BETWEEN: SRI. S. BALAKRISHNA PAI. ...Petitioner
AND: THE TAHASILDAR, YALAHANKA ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client Sri. Balakrishna Pai have filed the petition for death certificate of deceased Late. Smt. Vijaya B. Pai W/o Balakrishna Pai Who was died on 12.02.2013 at Surve No.74, Muttagadhalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Karnataka which comes under the limits of the chikajala police station. If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE and JMFC at Devanahalli on date of hearing on 28.05.2021 at 11.00 AM in Crl. Misc No.94/2021.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Chief Ministerial Officer,
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST OF DOCUMENTS
My clients Mr. K.R. Ashok Kumar, aged about 70 years and Mrs. K.A. Subodha, aged about 68 years, both are residing at Flat No. 5-5, Shiva Ganga View Apartment, No. 80, V.V. Nagar, Akshaya Pathra, Vasanthapura, Saranayyapura Post, Bangalore have lost all the original documents in respect of the schedule property i.e. 1) Sale Deed dt. 2-2-2001, Document No. 10534/2000-2001 2) Sale Deed dt. 24-7-2003, Document No. 10458/2003-04, both are registered in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore along with other related documents in respect of the Schedule property. They tried to trace the same, but they could not trace till now and in this regard my clients have also lodged police complaint dt. 4-1-2021 through online.
Any person's finds the said documents, he / she / they, may kindly handover the same to the undersigned and if anybody illegally possess or misuse the said document the same will attract criminal act and it is hereby warn to the general public not to deal with the said document with anybody and if anybody act or use on the aforesaid document the owner is not held responsible for the said transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 66, Katha No. 156, previously with in the limits of Bommarahalli Nagarasah, presently comes under BBMP limits, situated at Putterahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, Totally measuring 600 Square feet bounded on East by: Site No. 67, West by: Site No. 65, North by: 20 feet Road, South by: Private property.
Sd/- G.H.Nagaraj,
Advocate Noble Law Associates
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12th Main, Above Mani Textile,
Hanumananagar, Bangalore-560019,
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212213 000770	Procurement of 2000 ± 5% Office Waste Paper (White Records) in Loose form from Kerala for TNPL Unit-I at Kagithapuram	15.05.2021
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SBFC Finance Private Limited
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Registered Office: Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.
Branch Address: SBFC Finance Private Limited, Block-7, 1st Floor, Lalpat Nagar - 2, New Delhi - 110024.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SBFC Finance Private Limited. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, in the books of SBFC as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SBFC Finance Private Limited, under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

NAME OF THE BORROWER / ADDRESS	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE & NPA	LOAN AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS
1.SPG Associates , 2.Manjunath R, 3.Nethravathi H, All are residing at: No 1361, 1st main, 2nd Cross, Prashantnagar KHB Colony, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560079.	Notice Date: 8th April 2021 NPA date: 31st March 2021	Loan Account No. 402106000002280 (PR0603058) Loan Amount: Rs.2558740/- Total Outstanding amount:(For both account) Rs. 27,38,058/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Fifty Eight Only) as on 8th April 2021	All that piece and parcel of the Property being site No. 10, Assessment No. 4/17, admeasuring east to west 30 ft & North to South (34'x38') 2ft, in all admeasuring 1080 sq. ft. situated at Srigadghakavali Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Bounded on the -East- Site No. 09/ West- Site No. 11, North- Property belong to Mr. Byrappa, South- Road.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder.
Please note that under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, No Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 08th May 2021
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- (Jeyal Nadar)
Authorised Officer,
SBFC Finance Private Limited

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001.
Branch Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45 & 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560 027.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing thereon from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s & Co- Borrower/s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
Loan Account No. X0HMLM000002510815 1.Gnanavel D 2.Vetrivel D 3.Anbarasi G 4.S S Gayathri V Both residing at No:1122, 1st Cross, Near Om Sakthi Temple, Reddy Palya, Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore - 560017	Rs. 25,00,000/-	24.04.2021 & Rs. 30,30,501/- as on 20.04.2021 with further interest thereon.	All piece of parcel Land with building located at Thiruvannamalai District , Thiruvannamalai Registration District, Thiruvannamalai SRO - 1 and Thiruvannamalai Town, 4th Ward, 10th Block in T. No.336 in the style of MSA Nagar in this 1060 Sq.ft within the following boundaries East of : 20 Feet Municipal Road, West of : Retained property of Mohamed Ghouse, North of : Retained property of Mohamed Ghouse, South of : Aathalakshmi property in between the measurement is East to West both sides 53 Ft, North to South both sides 20 Ft, Totally 1060 Sq.ft Vacant Site (New T. No. : 336/51).
Loan Account No. X0HLM000002727576 1.Ravi M 2.Shanthamma M Both residing at 218, Bahadurpura, Anekal, Bangalore, Anekal - 562106	Rs. 39,00,000/-	24.04.2021 & Rs. 47,77,674/- as on 20.04.2021 with further interest thereon.	(Property covered under Regd. Sale Deed Document No. 2668/2015- 16 of SRO Anekal dated: 24.09.2015) : All that piece and parcel of the property situated in Bangalore District, Anekal Taluk, Anekal Town, Municipal Council Ward No.23, Hosur Road, as per Bahadurpura Old form No.10, No.59, Assessment Register No.32, Property No.85, New Municipal Assessment Khata SI.No.93/85, Site No.93/85 measuring 9.15 x 12.20 Meters totaling 1200 Square Feet with Mangalore tiled house measuring 8.95 x 6.60 Meters and Vacant land and bounded as follows East by : House belongs to Mr. Rajanna & Vacant Land, West by : House belongs to Mrs. Mahadevamma, North by : 15 Feet Road, South by : Government Raja Kaluve in the midst above said land.

Date : 08.05.2021
Place: Bangalore
Authorised Officer
Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA
ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name Shri. Vinay Bhat
E-mail ID: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448946013
Landline No. (office): 080-25943765

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH
Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, 'A' Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Telephone: 080-25943765,
E-Mail: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Date of Time E-Auction of Immovable Property : 10.06.2021 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM
Last Date to Submit EMD with KYC : 09.06.2021 on or before 4.00 pm

A/c No: 67018980806,
To, 1. SRI. M. SUBRAMANYA S/O MUNIYAPPA, 2. SMT. S. KAVITHA W/O M. SUBRAMANYA
Both are R/o: No. 333, Maruthi Road, Near Vinayaka Temple, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore 560016.
1. SRI. M. SUBRAMANYA S/O MUNIYAPPA M/S: NATURE SENSE (KEERTHI ENTERPRISES), 28/1, Near Vinayaka Temple, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Bangalore 560016.
2. SMT. S. KAVITHA W/O M. SUBRAMANYA Prop: Diagnostic (EEG Laboratory) C/o: Koshy's Hospital, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore 560016.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantor/ mortgagors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, ARMB, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 10.06.2021 for recovery of Rs. 48,51,921 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One only) as on 04.05.2021 + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, ARMB, Secured creditor 1.SRI. M. SUBRAMANYA S/O MUNIYAPPA & 2. SMT. S. KAVITHA W/O M. SUBRAMANYA The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD) and bid increment amount will be as under:-

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:
Tender No: SBI/ARMB/DRS/EA/01-2021-22:
Name of the Title holder: 1. SRI. M. SUBRAMANYA & 2. SMT. S. KAVITHA
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing House Site No.43, Katha No. 195/1/06, Property No. 106, Situated at 2nd Block, Dasappa Lay Out, Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthy Nagar, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes Under KR Puram CMC Limits, in Ward No. 1, Bangalore Measuring East To West - 40 feet and North To South -30 feet in All Measuring 1200 Sqft., with 2 storied R.C.C. Roofed building (GF -10 Squares + FF -10 Squares) thereon, standing in the name of Sri. M. Subramanya s/o Sri. Muniyappa K Vide Sale Deed Dated. 29.09.2006, and Registered as Document No. KRI-1-21736/2006-07, and CD No. KRID255, Dated. 29.09.2006, at SRO Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore, and Bounded on East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Site No. 44, South by: Site No. 42

Reserve Price Rs: 67,95,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Ninety Five Thousand and Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : 10% of Reserve price i.e. Rs. 6,79,500/- (Rupees six lakh Seventy Nine thousand five Hundred only) to be transferred /deposited by bidders in his /her/their Own wallet provided by M/S: MSTC Ltd. On its e-auction site: <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi/index.jsp> by means of RTGS/NEFT

Bid Increment Amount: RS. 50,000/-
For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH, TEL: 080-25943765/25943769 during office hours, or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Debt Recovery Squad, Bangalore or its representatives Mr. M Z KHAN, Mob: 98458 74789 or Mr. NAYAZ Mob: 98455 29931
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links i.e. www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi/index.jsp>

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07.05.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
STATE BANK OF INDIA, ARMB, Bangalore

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER- III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)
No. 4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Hayes Road, Residency Road, Bangalore- 560 025.

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
RC No: 361/2020 dt: 07.09.2020
Karnataka Bank Ltd., Vidyaranyapura Branch, Bangalore - 560 097 .
....Certificate Holder

V/s.
Sri Muniraju D.
To
1. Sri Muniraju D., S/o. Sri Doddayya, Residing at No. 116, Nanjappa Building, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560 097.
2. Sri Subbarayappa S/o. Doddadoddaiah, Residing at No. 12, Kollodu, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore - 561 203.
3. Sri Suresh D. S/o. Doddadoddaiah, Residing at No. 8, Kollodu, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore - 561 203. Certificate Debtor

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT 1) in OA/477/2018 an amount of Rs.16,47,640.00 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Only) along with pendente lite and future interest and costs till realization.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 10.10.2020 at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this date : 07.09.2020.
Sd/- (Rajasekharan R.)
Recovery Officer - I
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16 (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule in respect of the property or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment."

Bank of Baroda
NO.12/101 M S R MAIN ROAD, GOKULAJI, JALAHALLY, BANGALORE 560054

NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To, Borrower: M/s Hariharas Fresh Farm Milk, #97, 3rd Cross, 24th Main, Dollars Colony, BTM 1st Stage, Bommarahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka-560068 Represented by it's partners
Mr. Radha Ramana Basireddy and Mrs. Radha Basireddy, Both residing at L-061, 6th Floor, NCC Meadows, Dodaballapura Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064
Current Address: Mr. Radha Ramana Basireddy and Mrs. Radha Basireddy, Both residing at L-061, 6th Floor, NCC Meadows, Dodaballapura Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064
Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: Credit facilities with our Jalahalli Branch.

1. We refer to our letter No. BMDP/JHAGMBSK/30/15-19 dated 18.05.2018 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility:	Limit (Rs.)	Rate of Interest	O/s as on (inclusive of interest upto 31.03.2021)
Term Loan	3,00,00,000.00	11.85%	3,03,23,477.00

Security agreement with brief description of securities: 1. Doc-53 Hypothecation Agreement 2. Doc-50 Articles of Agreement, 3. Doc-40 Letter of Guarantee (2), 4. Doc-5 DP Note, 5. Doc-35 Letter of Repayment, 6. Doc-25 Letter to access Godev, 7. 2-3 Partnership Liability Letter, 8. Letter of Authorisation, 9. Letter of Interest Rate Regn., 10. Credit Sanctioning, 11. 11-140 Sanction Communication to Borrower
(1. As per Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds dated 26.04.2018 executed by the partner Sri Radha Ramana Basireddy in favour of The AGM, Vijaya Bank (Now-Bank of Baroda, Jalahalli, Bangalore, all the piece and parcel of the land and building existing and/or to be constructed thereon and shown under schedule "A" below together with easementary and appurtenants thereto has been registered under EMDTD

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sy No.	Area	Description
1	Sy No.60 measuring 15 guntas out of 25 guntas	
2	Sy No.61 measuring 29 guntas out of 1 acre 20 guntas	
3	Sy No.62 measuring 17 1/2 guntas out of 1 acre 11 guntas	
4	Sy No.63 measuring 10 guntas out of 28 guntas	
5	Sy No.64 measuring 14 guntas out of 28 guntas	
6	Sy No.65 measuring 07 guntas out of 13 guntas	
7	Sy No.73/4 measuring 20 guntas	
Total 2 acres 32 1/2 guntas		

Situated at Amaani Poomasagara Kere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Kolar District and Bounded By East: Sy No.66, 73/2 and 74, West: Road, North: Halla, South: Gadi)

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.	Sy No. Khatha No. House No. Site No.	Extent Area of Land/ Building	Location Sub-District/District/ Village/ Municipality, etc.	Boundary
1	Land in Sy No.11/1	1 acres 21 guntas	Amaani Poomasagara Kere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura Dist.	E - Sy No 48 and 13 W- Sy No 10 N - Sy No 13 & 12 S- Remaining land of Sy No 11
2	Land in Sy No.52/2	0.04 guntas		E - Land belongs to Jayachandra Reddy W- Land belongs to Parvatamma N - Land belongs to Narasimhachattachari S- Own land
3	Land in Sy No.54	0.09 guntas		E - Sy No 51 W- Remaining Land of Sy No 54 N - Sy No 52 & 53, S- Sy No 55
4	Land in Sy No.56	0.16 guntas		E - Sy No 51 W- Remaining land of Sy No 56 N - Sy No 55, S- Kodi Halla

2. In the letter of acknowledgement of debt dated 18.05.2018 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs. 300.00 lakhs as on 18.05.2018. The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest upto Rs.3,03,23,477.00. Other charges debited to the account are Rs. NA.
(Or)
2. In the audited balance sheet of the Company for the year ended you have confirmed and acknowledged liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs. NA lakhs as on 31st March NA. The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest upto NA Other charges debited to the account are Rs. NA
3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the quarter ended 2020 and 2021. You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 31.12.2019 and thereafter.
4. Consequently upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 31.03.2021 (mention date of classification as NPA) in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs.3,03,23,477.00, as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
8. We further invite your attention to sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

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BRING TO BOOK THE PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE IN BENGAL

A completely needless confrontation is building up between the Centre and the West Bengal government ever since Mamata Banerjee scored a landslide victory in the recent Assembly polls. At least 15 people have been killed in the spate of post-poll violence, including BJP and Trinamool supporters. Grim videos of the barbarity ought to have spurred the administration into action, but there was hardly any visible effort, though the chief minister later said that violence won't be tolerated. On May 6, the day she took her fresh oath of office, a Mamata flunkie trotted out the specious excuse of her inability to issue orders to restore law and order since the model code of conduct for the polls was in force. But the model code ended on May 2, the day the votes were counted, which incidentally was when the violence began. When a mob attack had left four persons dead in Sitalkuchi in Cooch Behar district in the middle of the elections, Mamata railed against the Election Commission for not letting her visit the families of the victims to share their grief. Yet, when a post-poll flare up happened in the same Sitalkuchi, she had better things to do than make a repeat trip.

Amid all the opposition anger against what it called state-sponsored attacks, the BJP committed a faux pas as the photo of one of the nine partymen it claimed were slain in Sitalkuchi, turned out to be that of a mediaperson now based in Delhi. But that doesn't detract from the fact that Mamata failed to take immediate corrective action and let the situation slip. Also, almost condoning a mob attack on Union minister V Muraleedharan's car in West Midnapore district, asking why he was in the state in the first place, and warning the Centre to honour the people's mandate, was a little over the top.

That Didi is an icon of anti-BJP forces is beyond dispute. But she has to promote amity and deliver good governance. Rulers ought to follow raj dharma. Governance ought to be visible and even-handed in line with the rule of law. There can be no place for violence in democracy.

IP WAIVER BEST OPTION TO CONTAIN PANDEMIC

At a time when the world is moving towards a waiver on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) on Covid-19 vaccines, Indian state governments are grappling with differential pricing policies of indigenous developers and inequity in distribution by the Centre. A recent tweet by former Union minister and Congress leader Jairam Ramesh encapsulated this conundrum. "Why did Gujarat alone have 60% of all 18-44 age vaccinations on May 2nd?" he asked, pointing to a Press Information Bureau release. On the said day, over 51,000 beneficiaries in the specified age group had been vaccinated in Gujarat as against a mere 527 in Tamil Nadu and 649 in Karnataka. Recently, the Madras High Court intervened in the matter, and asked the Central government to make vaccine distribution to states transparent.

Experts have called for the Centre to adopt a scientific formula with regards to vaccine distribution. Though states have the freedom to purchase vaccines now, the differential pricing and ballooning fiscal deficits have made this unattractive. In this context, will the IP waiver make an impact on the ground? If the US proposal for IP waiver is accepted, vaccines like those produced by Pfizer and Moderna can be manufactured in bulk for middle and low income countries. If they are able to identify multiple manufacturers, theoretically, it would bridge the vaccine shortage across the world, thereby lowering chances of further mutation of the virus. Countries like Canada, South Korea and Bangladesh have expressed interest in manufacturing vaccines if the patents are waived. Surplus supply will break market monopoly, thereby making vaccines affordable even for state governments. Several influencers in the health policy space are, however, not convinced. Bill Gates, for instance, expressed concern over safety of vaccines if the production was to be handed over to multiple companies. Speaking specifically about India, Gates claimed that vaccine production in India has been made possible only by "grants and expertise" provided by foundations such as his.

Naysayers aside, the IP waiver presents India and the world a massive opportunity to contain the pandemic. The global community must waste no time in tedious deliberations. Public good must triumph profiteering.



The coronavirus vaccines do have side effects—but that doesn't mean they're harmful. It actually means they're working

Lior Brimberg

The ties between Delhi and Washington seemed headed for the doldrums due to a policy error on Biden's part, but the US reversal is a good sign for both nations

INDIA-US TIES: OVERCOMING HESITATION

PINAK RANJAN CHAKRAVARTY



Former Ambassador, Ex-Secretary in MEA & currently a Visiting Fellow at ORF, Delhi

The air bridge bringing in American assistance to India to combat the Chinese-origin Covid pandemic is in operation, putting an end to the uncertainty and hesitation that marked the Biden administration's initial stand on this issue. Indians growing up in the 1960s remember the PL-480 wheat shipments for a grain-starved India were each personally authorised by President Lyndon Johnson. He was irritated by India's stand on the Vietnam war. The American State Department's official spokesperson's comments that the nation's obligation devolved first on its own citizens and this would be good for the world must rank as insensitive, if not an egregious faux pas during the Covid pandemic.

The Biden administration had earlier invoked the US Defense Production Act to ban the export of critical raw material for the production of vaccines and other medical equipment. This Act, whose purpose was to ensure that raw material and finished equipment was available for Americans and not exported, goes back to the Korean war in the 1950s. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines being produced in the US depend on crucial raw material supplied by some Indian companies. If the US could ban export of such precursors for vaccine manufacturers, so could India.

The fact that this came on the heels of a kerfuffle caused by the Freedom of Navigation Operation (FONOP) by an American Navy Destroyer through India's EEZ near Lakshadweep didn't help matters, particularly the statement put out by the US Navy about its position on the United Nations Convention for the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). India had signed up to the UNCLOS with reservations

about FONOPs by naval ships in her EEZ. Ironically, the US has not even ratified the UNCLOS and does not accept any restriction on FONOPs; it has exercised this right in the South China Sea and the Taiwan straits.

The reaction in India to the export ban was uniformly negative, with Indians recalling that India had supplied essential drugs when the US ran short during the first phase of the pandemic. All of a sudden, India-USA ties, hitherto touted as the emerging strategic partnership of the 21st century, seemed headed for the doldrums. Clearly, the reaction in India led to a flurry of high-level political contacts between the two countries to contain the damage. The Indian-American community weighed in on behalf of India, as did several leading political leaders in the US Congress.

The problem was triggered by Adar Poonawalla's appeal to President Biden to permit export of precursors that are vital to the production of vaccines at the Serum Institute of India (SII). The lumbering American deep state sprang into action only after the negative reaction in India gathered momentum. The Biden administration quickly took policy decisions that it can now count among its achievements of the first 100 days. Its policy to revisit and reverse some decisions that were crucial to both the global and India's fightback against the virus has been helpful. These policy reversals were important for bilateral ties that were suddenly poised at a sensitive juncture. President Biden must be commended for quickly absorbing the implications of not acting on this issue and being decisive after some initial confusion. The consequences of not acting would

have left bilateral ties bruised and taken years to heal.

China, which has kept a wary eye on India's growing ties with the US and forward movement in the Quad, jumped in gleefully to drive a wedge by unleashing a torrent of editorials, cartoons and social media posts via the CCP's media propaganda arm the *Global Times*. It pointedly accused the US of being an unreliable partner and deliberately harming India by withholding supplies. "Their closeness to each other is fragile and superficial," the media outlet crowed. Simultaneously, it urged India to improve ties with China and quickly organised a conference of South Asian countries on Covid cooperation to leverage India's inability to export vaccines. India declined to attend.

China reached out to India with a telephone call from their FM to our EAM, preceded by a letter from President Xi Jinping to PM Narendra Modi, offering assistance for the fight against the pandemic. This was the first letter after Beijing provoked a bloody conflict in Ladakh. At the same time, China banned flights that prevented commercial medical supplies, required for the struggling healthcare sector, to reach India. The low level of trust was further undermined by such devi-



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GLOBAL PREVENTIVE MANAGEMENT FOR COVID-19

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The Covid-19 pandemic is the greatest risk management proposition that any global leader could have faced in the last two years. The question is whether it could have been managed better. Was there enough knowledge that something like this could strike us?

The reality is that there was enough evidence to suggest that a pandemic like Covid-19 was likely to happen. American business magnate and philanthropist Bill Gates has written in his book that he had predicted something akin to this was on the cards with the kind of environmental degradation that was taking place.

However, the United States, which too funded research on coronaviruses in the Chinese lab in Wuhan, did not prepare a strategic plan to deal with it if it did strike as they had anticipated. They had enough information that if the virus escaped, it would really spread very fast globally and kill many people. Yet, strangely they did not prepare a preventive management plan to stop it or even contain it. The Centres for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States did not do much to control Covid-19. All they did was data analytics and reporting. The whole world today is at the risk of getting

infected because of poor planning and preventive management.

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inoculating everyone across the world. There is a lot of unequal distribution of vaccines. A few rich countries have hoarded huge amounts of Covid-19 vaccines, while the poorer nations do not have enough.

The European Union and the United States are sitting on a disproportionate amount of vaccines that they don't need, while countries in Africa, Asia and South America are facing a huge vaccine shortage.

Can the World Health Organization intervene and tell the United States and the European Union to part with the vaccines that they don't need and give it to the poorer countries to save everyone, including themselves? This is the time for the US and the EU to give away their surplus to save the world. This is the time for our prime minister to import as many ready vaccines as possible from the US and the EU and vaccinate as many people in our country as possible.

Manufacturing will take 10 more months. We don't have the time for this. It is already too late. The virus is mutating. The present vaccination will be of no use if it does not work on the mutated virus. The entire money spent on research could get wasted.

Let us accept this is a global problem. United States President Joe Biden's decision of lifting patent rights in manufacture of vaccines is a great thing in the long run. But Biden will do well to part with vaccines he does not need to India, Africa and South America to stop the further spread of the Covid-19 virus. The realisation that we are all in this together has to sink in for international humanitarian action.

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Ramp up health infra

The Supreme Court's statement that India needs to be prepared for the third Covid wave that experts are forewarning is prompt for the coming times. It is crucial right now to focus on ramping up health infrastructure along with medical oxygen, ventilators and vaccines so that we are more prepared for the next wave. **CGhanshyam, Visakhapatnam**

Neglect in virus research

Virologist Dr Jacob John's concerns are real and reminiscent of ill-orchestrated Covid containment efforts undertaken by both the Centre and states ('*Crucial agencies fail India*', May 7). His lament for the underinvestment in virological studies and the neglect of advanced research in these areas are correct and must be taken seriously. **K Balakrishnan, Madurai**

Violence in West Bengal

The post-poll violence in West Bengal in the aftermath of TMC's victory continues unabated against its political opponents, the BJP in particular. Many lives have already been lost and houses of BJP supporters have been burned down. The attack on the convoy of V Muraleedharan by alleged TMC supporters is a startling example of this. Mamata must ensure the violence is stopped. **SLakshmi, email**

Greater responsibility

Now that the TMC has won the absolute majority in West Bengal, its cadre has a greater responsibility to conduct itself in a mature style, eschewing its hitherto displayed ferocity and authoritarianism. It also behoves a national party like the BJP to show itself as a dignified

opposition, rising above divisive tendencies. **Seshagiri Row Karry, Hyderabad**

Fuel rates increasing again

With the dust on elections having settled, the fuel prices that remained unchanged for over a month are starting to increase again. It is not clear how the so-called dynamic price mechanism followed by oil companies came to a halt during poll times. **N Nagarajan, Secunderabad**

Covid pops IPL bubble

The bio-bubble of hubris of IPL managers was popped when Covid continued its unbeaten innings nonchalantly. This has also vindicated the stand taken by this newspaper that it would not give a fillip to the absurdity of conducting the cricket series when

the pandemic was in full swing. **A Raveendranath Aramula**

Impermanence of life

This is with reference to *When death seeks finality this Covid season* (May 7). The author must be appreciated for his sensitive handling of the death caused due to Covid. The pandemic has shaken the whole world while simultaneously acting as a great leveller. It has reminded us of the impermanence of life. **Dileep R, Bengaluru**

Did humans learn lesson?

Covid has changed us in many ways, in life as well as in death, and the author has highlighted this well. However, I am not sure humanity has learnt its lesson to live better in this world and leave it pristine for future generations. **Sreenivas Ghatty, email**

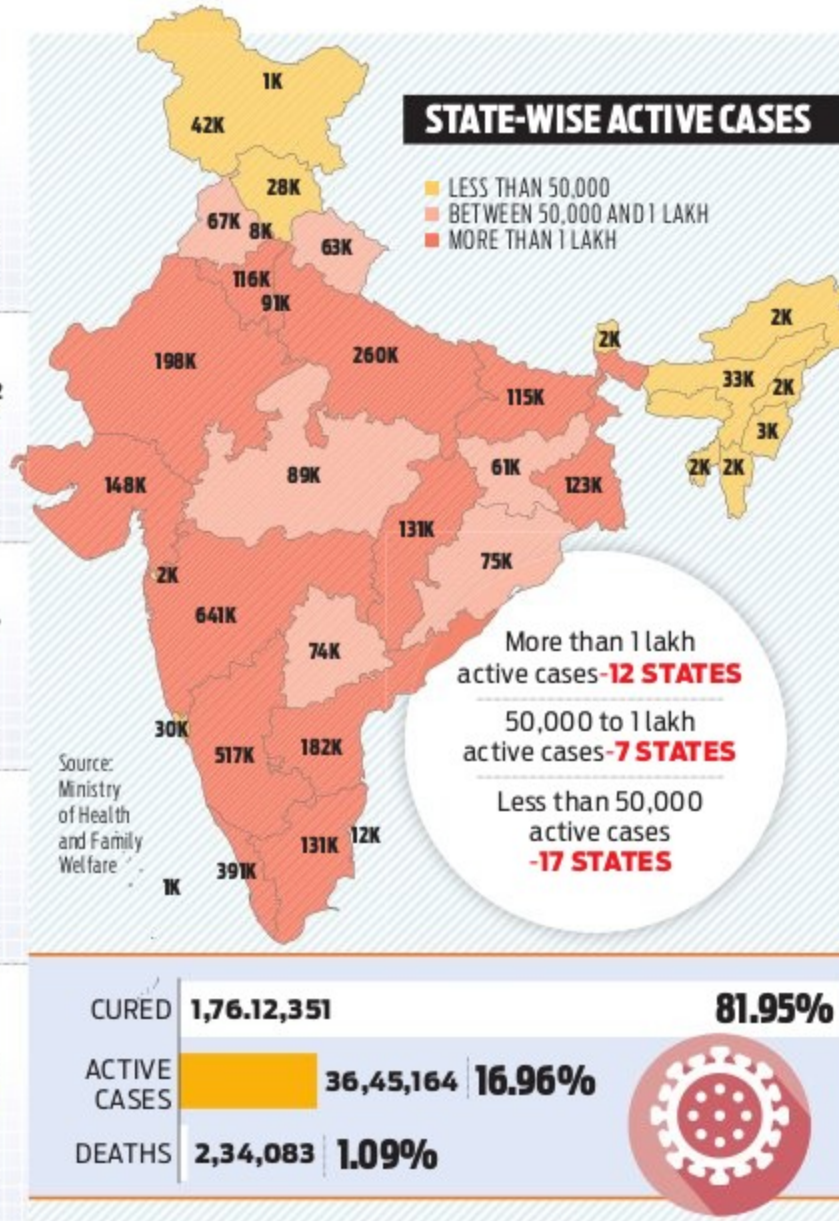
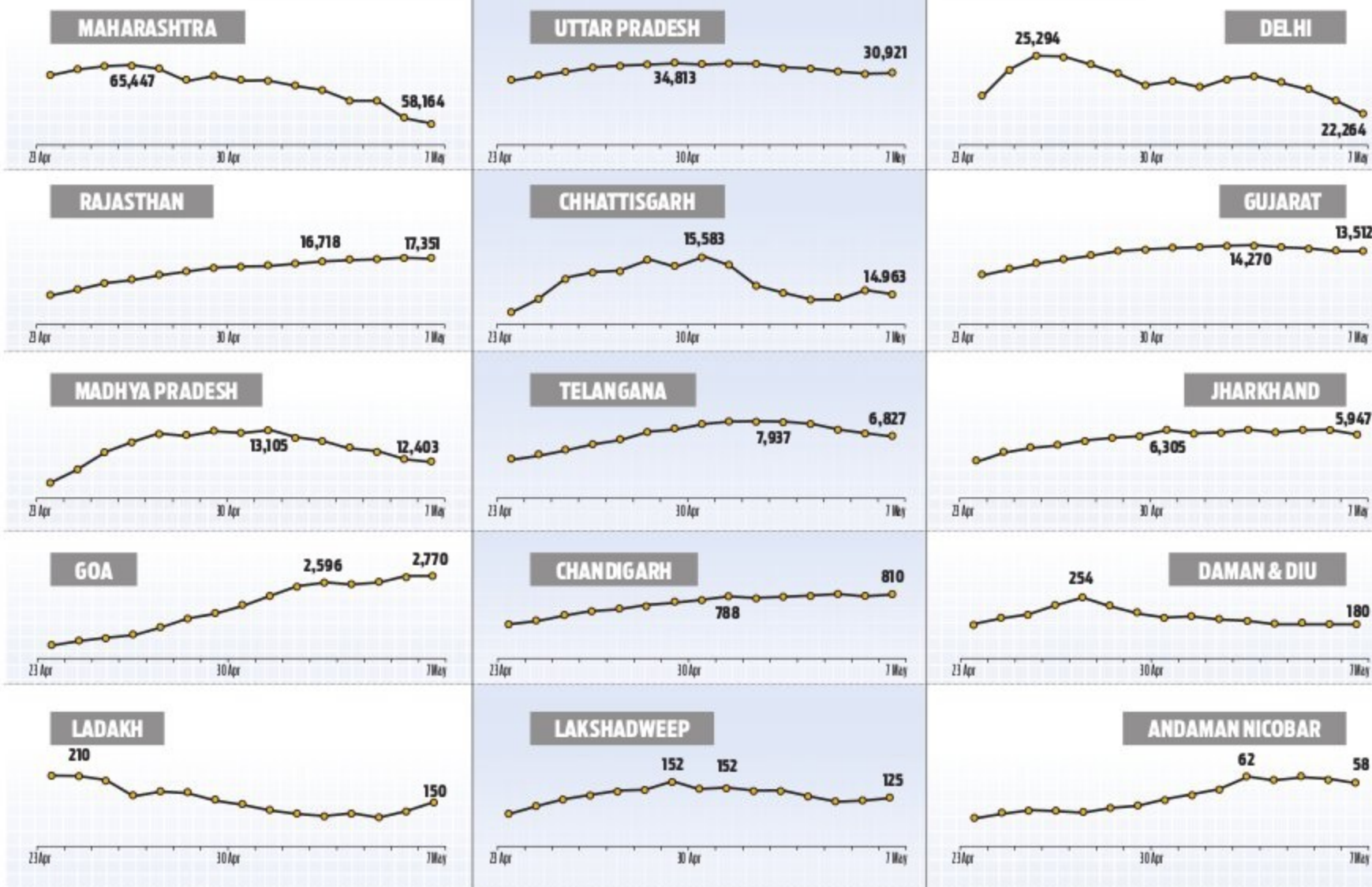
Attitude towards nature

The article depicts very well the situation that many Indians are undergoing. Many feel the pain of not being able to honour their departed ones their final due. We must change our attitude towards nature and re-evaluate how we treat it. **D Rengarajan, email**

Don't get due even in death

It is disheartening to read about the current scenario in the nation, where people don't get their due even after death. Philosophically, death is seen not as an end, but a beginning. However, the common man abhors the very idea of leaving the dead with no offerings of traditional practices. This robs him of the closure he might get to process and move on from the devastating incident. **Bijumon P N, Idukki**

STATES SHOWING CONTINUED PLATEAUING/DECREASE IN DAILY NEW CASES



ANALYSIS

Indian double mutant behind second wave: Lab consortium

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE Indian double mutant of Covid-19, B.1.617, is possibly behind the second wave of the pandemic in India and is driving the surge in some of the states with the high caseload, according to the latest genome analysis by the Centre's surveillance group.

The Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), a consortium of 10 national labs, found that as on May 5, there were 3,900 variants of concern (VoCs)/variant under investigation (VUI). Of them, 1,850 (B.1.617), 1,922 (B.1.1.7-UK variant), 127 (B.1.351-South African variant) and 1 (P1).

"The current surge in cases show a correlation with the rise in the B.1.617 lineage of Covid-19. The B.1.617 lineage has been seen in Maharashtra. The B.1.1.7 lineage is declining in proportion across the country in the last 1.5 months," it said. According to a scientist part of INSACOG, the B.1.617 has already taken over the UK variant cases in India and is driving the second wave in the country. The analysis shows that the double mutant is driving the surge in Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. "It is likely in other states also that are having high caseloads but we will have more clarity after we get a good number of sequenced data from other states," said the scientist.

In India, the B.1.617 continues to be listed as VUI. However, the UK on Friday announced one of its sub-lineages, B.1.617.2 as a VOC, following the rise in the case in the UK and evidence of community transmission.



A health worker takes samples from police personnel in Kullu on Friday | PTI

U-turn over 'inevitable' third wave

Centre's scientific advisor now says strong containment measures can avert it completely

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

JUST two days after declaring that a third Covid-19 wave is "inevitable" in India, the Union government's principal scientific advisor took a U-turn on Friday and said that strong containment measures and effective implementation of guidelines can help the country avoid it completely.

"If we take strong measures, the third wave may not happen in all the places or indeed anywhere at all," said K VijayRaghavan on Friday. "It depends much on how effectively the

guidelines are implemented at the local level, in the states, in districts and in the cities everywhere."

Speaking at a press briefing on the Covid-19 status in the country, VijayRaghavan said any onset of third wave depends on how effectively the guidelines are implemented across the country.

The statement comes even as the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in India is showing no signs of abatement yet.

On Thursday alone, over 4.14 lakh infections were recorded, the highest tally in a 24 hour

period so far.

Meanwhile, the collapse of healthcare infrastructure across the country continues with patients in most states struggling to get access to timely and adequate treatment.

The country's death toll crossed 2.34 lakh and the active Covid-19 caseload stood at a whopping 36,45,164 as on Friday.

As the virus mutates further, a third wave of Covid infection is inevitable and it is necessary to be prepared for new waves, VijayRaghavan had cautioned on Wednesday.

"A phase three is inevitable, given the higher levels of circulating virus but it is not clear on what time scale this phase three will occur. We should prepare for new waves," the scientific advisor had said.

The scientific advisor to the government had also said that it was not expected that the second wave would hit the country with such ferocity.

Many experts have said that while multiple waves in a pandemic are expected, the certainty with which VijayRaghavan shared his opinion was not based on any evidence or data.

'Unemployment persisted even six months after lockdown'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNEMPLOYMENT persisted for six months after the lockdown which led to a decline in income level, showed Hunger Watch Report by Right to Food Campaign and Centre for Equity Studies.

Over 27 per cent of the households surveyed showed there was no source of income even six months after the lockdown was imposed, according to the

survey. This was a marginal improvement from the fact that about 43 per cent of the respondents had no income in April-May as per the survey. Out of those who had no income in April-May, only about 3 per cent had gone back to income levels of what it was before lockdown, while 56 per cent of them continued to have no income in October.



In the report, the data related to 3,994 households across 11 states. According to the report, marginalised and excluded communities are over-represented. Seventy-nine per cent of the respondents had income less than ₹7,000 per month before the lockdown. The data indicated a significant fall in consumption of food grains, pulses, vegetables, and eggs/meat. The report

observed a steep rise in unemployment, and, as a corollary, a sharp fall in incomes. The respondents were also asked about the change in the overall nutritional quality and the overall quantity of food consumption in October compared to the baseline reference period.

According to the report, the impact of the lockdown on some vulnerable groups such as households headed by single

women, households with people having disabilities, and transgender people was harsher. Overall, about 71 per cent reported that the intake of nutritious food became worse. Among 79 per cent transgenders, and other sexual minorities, income reduced by half or a quarter. The survey also showed that urban respondents reported at least 15 percentage point worse condition than the rural counterparts.

PM shared Mann ki Baat, not Kaam ki Baat: Soren

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Ranchi

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's jibe at PM Modi over their telephonic talks on Covid situation triggered political slugfest with the BJP on Friday accusing Soren of lacking the basic courtesy expected of a person holding his office.

Congress, JMM's ally in the Jharkhand government, rallied behind Soren and said the PM should have heard the CM who was upset as he did not get the opportunity to speak on the issues the state is facing.

Soren had on Thursday described Modi's phone call to him on the Covid-19 situation in the country as the PM's "Mann Ki Baat", instead of business. "Today the respected Prime Minister called. He only spoke his 'Mann Ki Baat'. It would have been better if he would have talked business and heard the issues," the Jharkhand CM tweeted. Taking offence, BJP leaders in Jharkhand alleged that Soren has made it a habit of criticising the PM. BJP leader Babulal Marandi said, "Come out of your childhood and stop crying, how long will you hide your failures behind the central government through 'jugaad' technology."

EXPRESS READ
Modi seeks Australian support on IPR waiver

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison and thanked Australia for its prompt and generous support to India's Covid battle. A MEA statement said both leaders agreed on the need to ensure affordable and equitable access to vaccines for containing Covid globally. "PM sought support for the initiative taken at the WTO by India and South Africa to seek a temporary waiver under TRIPS in this context," the statement added. The leaders also took note of the progress made in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

'Cong wanted new Parliament in 2012'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Following Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attacking the Union government over its Central Vista project terming it "criminal wastage", Union urban affairs minister Hardeep Puri on Friday said that Congress's discourse on Central Vista is "bizarre".

The minister said that it was during the UPA when Congress leaders wrote about the need for a new parliament. Congress wants to distract people from the monumental governance failures in their states by spreading lies, the minister added.

"Congress's discourse on

Central Vista is bizarre. Cost of Central Vista is about ₹20,000 crore, over several years. GoI has allocated nearly twice that amount for vaccination! India's healthcare budget for this year was over ₹3 lakh crore. We know our priorities," the minister asserted in a series of tweets.

"Moreover, only projects for New Parliament Building & Central Vista Avenue have been awarded at an estimated cost of ₹862 crore & ₹477 crore respectively till now. As I said, there are many components in Central Vista project which are spread over several years," the minister tweeted.

"While Central Vista is not

new, see Congress' hypocrisy. Congress & its allies are splurging on a new MLA hostel in Maharashtra & building a new Assembly in Chhattisgarh. If this is fine, what is the problem with Central Vista?" Puri said. "During UPA, Congress leaders wrote about the need for a new parliament. The Speaker in 2012 wrote a letter to Urban Development Ministry for the same. And now they have the gall to oppose the same project?," the minister added.

Union minister Jagendra Singh Sekhawat said, "While the world recognises our efforts to stand up to the challenges, the Congress is desperate to dismiss India's mammoth efforts."

Rural Maharashtra a concern as growth, positivity & mortality rates rise

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

COVID-19 positivity rate in Mumbai has come down from 17 to 9% while positive cases have been surging in rural Maharashtra with a high mortality rate, as per the state government's weekly report.

It said the Nandurbar tribal district has recorded the highest 2.93% mortality rate, in Hingoli it is 2.46% and 2.33% in Sindhudurg. In Nanded, the mortality rate is 2.29% and 1.19% in Aurangabad.

Maharashtra's average mortality rate is 0.98% over the last week. There are 22 districts which are witnessing a surge in positive cases with a high

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Rajesh Tope, Maharashtra Health minister

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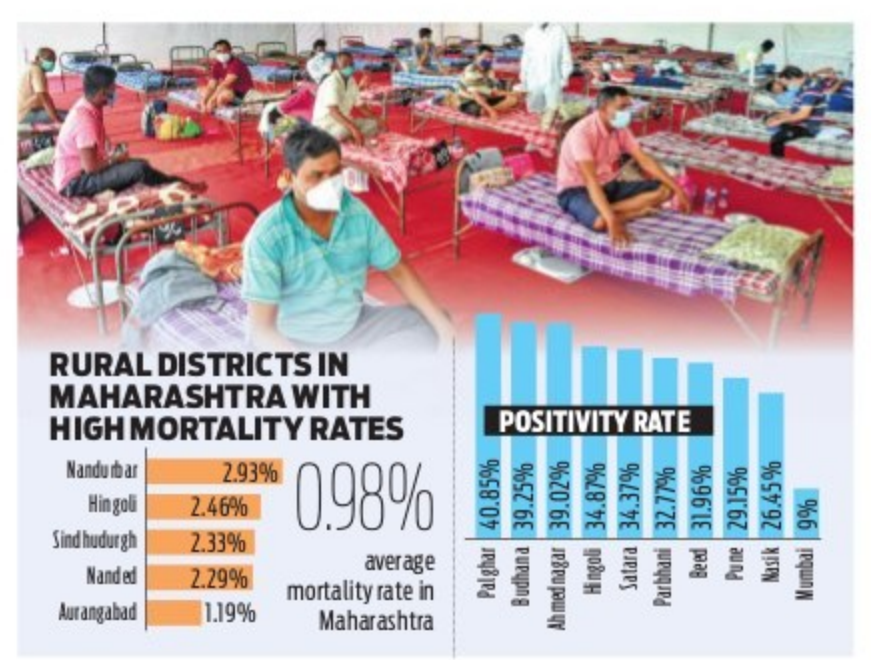
The report reveals that Covid positive patients' weekly growth rate is also higher in rural areas. The 3.18% growth rate in Ratnagiri, 2.83% in Budhahana, 2.67 per cent in Parbhani, 2.64% in Beed, and 2.60% growth rate of positive cases in Sindhurgh. In Mumbai the growth rate is 0.51% while the

doubling ratio is 130 days with 90% per cent recovery.

The weekly positivity is the highest in Palghar at 40.85%, while it is 39.25% in Budhahana and 39.02% in Ahmednagar; 34.87% in Hingoli, 34.37% in Satara and 32.77% in Parbhani, 31.96% in Beed. In Pune, the positivity rate is 29.15%, while it is 29.20% in Nasik and 26.45% in Thane over the last week.

State Health minister Rajesh Tope says positive cases are plummeting in 15 districts, but there is a surge in the remaining 22 districts in the state. He said lockdown has helped in containing the spread of the virus, but in rural Maharashtra, positive cases are rising.

"In the urban localities, people are following lockdown measures strictly, but in rural areas, people are still casual, resulted in the spike in positive cases. If required, more stringent measures will be imposed to contain the spread of the virus and bring down positivity and mortality rates," Tope said. Latur, the rural district of Maharashtra, is witnessing a major surge in positive cases. The local authority has declared a six-day lockdown starting Saturday at 7 am. So far, 1,467 patients have lost their lives and 65,015 patients have recovered in the district while there are 11,608 active Covid cases in Latur.



	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	44	31	Mumbai	34	29
Bhopal	41	26	Panaji	34	28
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	36	25
Amritsar	37	23	Lucknow	34	26
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	33	26	Imphal	28	16
Srinagar	23	12	Chandigarh	34	20

Sonowal or Sarma? Assam suspense on new govt's leadership continues

It has embarrassed senior BJP leaders, though they claim the call will be taken in few days

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

FIVE days since the results of the recently-held Assembly elections in four states and a UT were announced, there is not yet a clear picture in Assam as to who would lead the government.

In the meantime, two other states that went to polls with Assam—West Bengal and Tamil Nadu—have held oath-taking ceremonies for the next CM. In Kerala, it has been delayed due to the pandemic.

The BJP, which won a majority of seats in the state, has not been able to make a choice between incumbent Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and party strongman Himanta Biswa Sarma. Party's central leaders JP Nadda and Amit Shah met in Delhi on Thursday night, apparently to discuss the matter.

The uncertainty has left



Sarbananda Sonowal



Himanta Biswa Sarma

many state leaders embarrassed. They are avoiding phone calls from journalists, reportedly because they have no idea when the new government will be formed or who will head it. For the past three days, they have been saying it will be decided by the party's Parliamentary Board.

Asked about the uncertainty, Sonowal told the journalists: "It is not a big thing who will become the next CM. The big thing is the protection of the people of Assam from the Cov-

id virus."

He said the party's Parliamentary Board would meet in a day or two and decide the next chief minister.

"There will definitely be a government. The Parliamentary Board is meeting in a day or two. It will take the final decision," Sonowal said.

However, the party MP Horen Sing Bey claimed a decision has already been made.

"I learnt the Parliamentary Board has met and taken a decision on the next CM. One or two

BJP central observers will visit Assam this evening or tomorrow," Bey told journalists.

Over a dozen BJP MLAs loyal to Sarma were seen visiting his residence on Friday. What transpired there is open to speculation. Earlier, at least two BJP MLAs had said on record that one, who is the most efficient, should become the CM.

The Congress criticised the BJP over the lack of clarity, saying the party is allegedly pushing people into a state of chaos.

"We need a government which can work on a war-footing to fight Covid. The people of Assam gave them a clear mandate. Now when oneminute is precious for us, there is chaos all over in the absence of a government. It is unfortunate that the BJP hasn't been able to decide on its CM candidate," state Congress chief Ripun Bora said.

SACRILEGE CASE

Sidhu holds secret meet with Cong leaders

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IT seems more headaches are awaiting Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh as various factions within the state's ruling Congress party are joining hands to put more pressure on him over the sacrilege case.

On Friday, it came to light that former cabinet minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, Minister of Jail and Department Of Co-operation Sukhjinder Randhawa, Minister of Technical Education Charanjit Channi and five MLAs held secret a meeting recently to discuss ways to pile pressure on the CM. Besides the sacrilege case, they are demanding that the government take strong actions against the transport, drugs and mining mafia in the state, which was among the poll promises by Congress in 2017.

It is learnt that the party leaders who attended the meet decided not to demand any positions, but to consolidate the party's position in run-up to the 2022 Assembly elections.

After poll debacle, grand old party's Working Committee to take stock

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Congress had a poor outing in the recently-held Assembly elections, party chief Sonia Gandhi on Friday said the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet shortly to review the results.

Addressing a virtual meeting of the parliamentary party, she congratulated West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and the LDF in Kerala for their victories.

"Most unfortunately, our own performance in all the states was very disappointing and if I may say, unexpectedly so. The



Sonia Gandhi

CWC is meeting shortly to review the results but it goes without saying that we as a party collective must draw the appropriate lessons from this setback in a spirit of humility and honesty," she said.

The Congress failed to even win a seat in West Bengal. Neither could it wrest back power

from the BJP in Assam or Kerala. In Tamil Nadu, it contested in alliance with the DMK. The historic second term for the LDF in Kerala has come as a big setback for the party as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is an MP from the state's Wayanad district, was personally looking after the poll management.

Many party leaders have called for introspection, following the results and that party needs to reconnect with the people on the ground in the coming months. The CWC meeting is expected to see some tough talk by senior party leaders who have been questioning the party's leadership over a series of poll defeats.

Some selling property to foot Covid bills as prices of essential medical items skyrocket

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SIMILARLY, private ambulance charges have also risen multiple times. If the charge was ₹1,000 for a certain distance before the pandemic, it would be around ₹7,000 now.

Sangeeta Mishra, a resident of Uppal in Hyderabad hired an ambulance to ferry a Covid-19 patient to a hospital in Secunderabad—a distance of 10 km. It cost her ₹15,000. There have been many cases of people shelling out more than ₹30,000 for ferrying patients within the city limits.

Getting admission in hospitals has never been so difficult. Many hospitals in Hyderabad demand an upfront payment of ₹5 lakh saying initial charges will be drawn from the same. And, people are willing pay this due to scarcity of beds in government hospitals.

"Both my parents are in an ICU and I have to sell my property to pay the bills. I am unable to even raise a complaint because at least they gave provided a bed," said a 34-year-old Hyderabad resident. The admission fee at private hospitals

in TN's Sivaganga district is at least ₹1 lakh irrespective of the severity of the patient. Other charges will follow later.

In Odisha, if you are not an influential person or do not have health insurance or the capacity to pay, you may not find a bed in most private hospitals even though the State government has offered to reimburse the bills of patients covered under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana.

"Average cost of hospitalisation for a Covid patient is not less than ₹3 lakh in the private set-ups in Bhubaneswar. In some cases, it is up to ₹10 lakh. We had to pay ₹4.5 lakh for 12 days of hospitalisation of my relative at a hospital at Chandrasekharpur. It includes only three days in ICU," said a government employee.

Similarly, private labs in Odisha are charging ₹1,000-1,600 for RT-PCR test even though the state government has capped it at ₹400. The scarcity of oxygen concentrators has also led to skyrocketing of its prices. In Hyderabad, a 5-litre oxygen concentrator is priced at ₹95,000-1.2 lakh, against

₹40,000-60,000 a month ago. The prices of 7-litre and 10-litre oxygen concentrators have also doubled. Dealers say oxygen concentrators are imported from China or the US and arrivals have declined due to restrictions on exports in the source countries.

When Visakhapatnam-based Vasu Reddy's kin tested positive, the patient showed only mild symptoms. After a few days, his oxygen levels dropped drastically.

"I couldn't find any hospital with a bed or ventilator," he said. Vasu, then, reached out to oxygen cylinder dealers. "But the price quoted by them shocked me. They were asking around ₹80,000-90,000 for each cylinder. Some even demanded a lakh," he said.

While people of the country are struggling with the second Covid wave, private hospitals have burdened them even further with exorbitant costs for treatment.

A sting video released by a patient's family shows Jaipur's Dhanvantari Hospital administration asking ₹60,000-70,000 for

a day's treatment.

From Chandigarh to Delhi in an ambulance with oxygen and a ventilator normally costs ₹15,000. Now, it's ₹35,000. Oxygen cylinders normally priced between ₹4,000-5,000 are being sold for ₹35,000-40,000 in Bihar.

The situation is not very different in West Bengal, where a cylinder of oxygen can cost up to ₹25,000. Prices of essential drugs like Remdesivir have also gone up. Remdesivir, which costs between ₹700-₹1,500 in normal times, is being sold for as high as ₹30,000 per unit in Maharashtra.

In Jharkhand, oximeters, which normally cost ₹1,000 are being sold for ₹2,500-3,000. It's a similar situation in Assam, where oximeters are being sold for ₹2,200 to ₹3,000.

In Chhattisgarh, people are having to cough out several thousands to carry dead bodies from the hospitals to nearby crematorium sites.

(With inputs from bureaux in Chennai, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, T'puram, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Raipur, Jaipur, Kolkata, Guwahati, Mumbai)

Govt allows 40% increase in hosp beds

The state health department has allowed private hospitals and nursing homes to increase the number of beds by up to 40% in view of the rising number of Covid-19 patients in need of medical care. "This is a great decision by the state health department. It will help the fight against the raging pandemic. Earlier, there were 180 Covid-19 beds among a total of 345 beds. Now the number of Covid beds has been increased to 227," said Dr Simrandeep Singh Gill, the group chief operating officer of CK Birla Hospitals.



South Point School to close early for summer break

Kolkata's South Point School has decided to advance the start of the summer vacation by a week to give students, parents and teachers some respite from the raging second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. The school, in a notice issued to the parents on Thursday said the summer break would begin on May 10. Online classes would resume on May 24. "In view of continuous surge in the number of Covid-19 cases, and in order to promise some respite to our children, guardians and teachers from the raging pandemic, we have decided to bring forward the summer break," said the notice from the principal.



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KOLKATA DIARY

Jadavpur Univ offers to turn hostel into Covid centre

The Jadavpur University in a letter to the West Bengal government has proposed to turn its main hostel, located behind the Jadavpur police station, into an isolation centre for those who test positive for Covid-19. Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das wrote to the health secretary Narayan Swaroop Nigam on Thursday saying the government can use over 6,000 sq ft of space in the hostel as a safe house. The hostel and the campus have been shut since March last year as a precaution against Covid-19. Classes are being held online. The decision to send the proposal was taken at a meeting held by the V-C with teachers, officials and representatives of the students' union.



Healthcare workers sanitise the West Bengal Assembly House | BIBHASH LOOH

Didi steps up pressure on PM with 3rd letter

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

FOR the third consecutive day since the start of her third term on Wednesday, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday wrote to the Prime Minister seeking the allocation of more medical oxygen for the state.

In her letter, the TMC supremo alleged that the Centre has increased allocation of medical oxygen to other states from the total production in West Bengal in the past 10 days, but kept the allocation for the state constant at a level which is much less than the requirement.

Mamata's non-stop letter-bomb targeting the BJP-led Centre is said to be part of her efforts to counter the saffron camp's attack on the ruling TMC government over the post-election violence in West Bengal. Alleging that the Centre is not paying any heed to the state's request, the Bengal CM wrote, "Instead of allocating oxygen as per the requirement of West Bengal, Government of India has increased allocation of oxygen to other states, from the total production in West Bengal, during the last 10 days from 230 MT to 360 MT, keeping the allocation for West Bengal constant at 308 MT per day despite its requirement being of 550 MT per day."

Replying to Mamata, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Friday wrote saying that Centre stands ready to provide all support to the state in order to help it effectively fight the pandemic.

He however also urged Banerjee, who also holds the health portfolio in the state, to ramp up testing, especially in

Two, including BJP worker, arrested

The West Bengal CID arrested two youth, including a member of BJP's students' wing ABVP, on Friday on the charges of circulating fake videos related to post-poll violence on social media. Argha Saha, an ABVP member was arrested from his residence in Sonapur, South 24 Parganas

districts that have reported more than 40% test positivity rate. On oxygen, Vardhan wrote that as many as five Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants have been sanctioned for the state, out of which, two have already been made functional. "Similarly, 849 D-Type and 1504 B-Type oxygen cylinders have been allocated to West Bengal. Out of this, 700 will be delivered on or before May 21."

Maha govt to announce sops to pacify Marathas

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TO avoid a backlash from the electorally-significant majority Maratha community over cancellation of the reservations, Uddhav Thackeray government has decided to announce various sops to the community.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said that they are ready to call the special session to decide on various schemes, sops and alternate arrangement for the Maratha community now that reservation has been struck down by the Supreme Court.

"The government is with the Maratha community. It is very unfortunate that the Supreme Court rejected the reservations for the Maratha community despite all-party resolutions

giving reservations to the Maratha community. Once this pandemic is over, we will have a meeting with Maratha community leaders where the decision of giving various benefits to Maratha students will be finalized. We will extend all possible benefits that can compensate them," Ajit Pawar said.

Senior BJP leader Ashish Shelar said all leaders should keep aside their egos and work for the welfare of the Maratha community.

Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray said that the Supreme Court in its judgment said that the state government has no right to give the reservations to any caste and community. He said the court further said that only the Centre can give reservations.

EXPRESS READ

DGCA to probe after jet makes belly landing

New Delhi: Aviation regulator DGCA will conduct an audit of Jet Serve Aviation Private Limited whose aircraft belly-landed at the Mumbai airport on Thursday after losing one of the wheels. The air ambulance flight was supposed to head from Nagpur to Hyderabad, but lost a wheel during takeoff from the Nagpur airport. It safely belly-landed in Mumbai airport



St Xavier's alumni sets up Covid helpline

The St Xavier's College Alumni Association, in collaboration with the college, has opened a Covid help desk on the campus to help families who have tested positive, especially those from economically weaker sections. The volunteers managing the help desk will arrange oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, pulse oximeters, PPE kits, hand sanitisers and other essential commodities and provide the items to those unable to procure them. The help desk number that became operational on Wednesday is 7439955182.

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NEPAL FACES VACCINE SHORTAGE AS COVID CRISIS WORSENS
Kathmandu: Nepal is facing acute shortage of Covid vaccines, as experts warned of crisis amid spike in cases. So far, 21 lakh people have received at least one shot of the vaccine. However, less than 4 lakh people have received double doses of the vaccine till date.



ALBANIAN PREZ IMPEACHMENT: PROBE PANEL FORMED
Tirana: Albanian lawmakers have agreed to form a probe panel to decide whether to impeach president Ilir Meta, whom the governing Socialist Party accuses of violating the constitution by taking political sides in an election.

GIRL SHOOTS THREE IN US SCHOOL

Sixth-grader of an Idaho Middle School fires multiple rounds before a teacher disarms her

BOISE (IDAHO)

A SIXTH-GRADE girl brought a gun to her Idaho middle school, shot and wounded two students and a custodian and then was disarmed by a teacher Thursday, authorities said.

The three victims were shot in their limbs and expected to survive, officials said at a news conference. Jefferson County Sheriff Steve Anderson says the girl pulled a handgun from her backpack and fired multiple rounds inside and outside Rigby Middle School in the small city of Rigby, about 95 miles (145 kilometers) southwest of Yellowstone National Park.

A female teacher disarmed the girl and held her until law enforcement arrived and took her into custody, authorities said, without giving other details. Authorities say they're investigating the motive for the attack and where the girl got the gun. "We don't have a lot of details at this time of why that is being investigated," Anderson said. "We're following all leads."

The girl is from the nearby city of Idaho Falls, Anderson said. He didn't release her name. Police were called to the school around 9:15am after students and staffers heard gunfire. Multiple law enforcement agencies responded, and students were evacuated to a nearby high school to be reunited with their parents.

"My classmate and I were in class with our teacher, doing work and then all of a sudden, there was a loud noise followed by two more loud noises. Then there was screaming," 12-year-old Yandel Rodriguez said. "Our teacher went to check it out, and he found blood." Yandel's mom, Adela Rodriguez, said they were okay but "still a little shaky" from the shooting as



People embrace after the shooting at Rigby Middle School in Idaho | AP/PTI

they left the campus.

Both of the students who were shot were being held at the hospital, and one of them might need surgery, said Dr. Michael Lemon, trauma medical director at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Still, both students were in fair condition and could be released as early as Friday. One of the students had wounds in two limbs and might have been shot twice, he said.

"It's an absolute blessing that they weren't hurt worse," Lemon said. The adult was treated and released for a bullet wound that went through an extremity, the doctor said.

Schools would be closed districtwide to give students time to be with their families, and counselors would be available starting Friday, said Jefferson School District Superintendent Chad Martin.

Police tape surrounded the school, which has about 1,500 students in sixth through eighth grades, and small evi-

dence markers were placed next to spots of blood on the ground. "I am praying for the lives and safety of those involved in today's tragic events," Governor Brad Little said in a statement. "Thank you to our law enforcement agencies and school leaders for their efforts in responding to the incident."

Lucy Long, a sixth-grader at Rigby Middle School, told the Post Register newspaper in Idaho Falls that her classroom went into lockdown after they heard gunshots, with lights and computers turned off and students lined up against the wall. Lucy comforted her friends and began recording on her phone, so police would know what happened if the shooter came in. Jefferson County Prosecutor Mark Taylor said decisions about criminal charges wouldn't be made until the investigation is complete but that they might include three counts of attempted murder. AP

2ND SUCH INCIDENT IN IDAHO

The latest attack appears to be Idaho's second school shooting. In 1999, a student at a high school in Notus fired a shotgun several times. None was struck, but a student was injured by ricocheting debris from the first shell.

In 1989, a student at Rigby Junior High pulled a gun, threatened a teacher and students, and took a 14-year-old girl hostage, according to a Deseret News report. Police safely rescued the hostage about an hour later and apprehended the teen. No one was shot.

SOME OF THE WORST SCHOOL SHOOTINGS IN THE US

April 16, 2007: Seung-Hui Cho, 23, killed 32 students and faculty members at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, and wounded another 17 students and faculty members in two separate attacks before committing suicide. It is the third-deadliest mass shooting by a lone gunman in modern US history.

Dec 14, 2012: Adam Lanza, 20, killed 27 people and himself in Newtown, Connecticut. He first killed his mother at their home before taking her guns and driving to the school. He brought four guns. He killed 20 children aged six and seven, along with four teachers, the principal, and the school psychologist. Two others were injured. Lanza then killed himself as police arrived.



May 18, 2018: In one of the recent and deadliest school shootings in the US, 10 people — 8 students and 2 teachers — were fatally shot, and thirteen others were wounded at Santa Fe High School in Texas. The shooter had a shotgun and .38 revolver. Multiple IEDs and pipe bombs were also found.

WHO panel approves emergency use of China's Sinopharm vaccine

GENEVA

THE World Health Organisation (WHO) on Friday gave its authorisation for emergency use of a Covid vaccine manufactured by China's Sinopharm, potentially paving the way for millions of the doses to reach needy countries through a UN-backed programme rolling out coronavirus vaccines. The decision by a WHO technical advisory group opens the possibility that the Sinopharm vaccine could be included into the UN-backed COVAX pro-

gramme and distributed through UNICEF and WHO's regional office in the Americas.

Sinopharm has released very little data, aside from efficacy numbers, for its two shots, one of which is developed by its Beijing Institute of Biological Products and was under WHO's consideration. "WHO gave emergency use listing to sign off on Beijing's COVID-19 vaccine, making it the sixth vaccine to receive WHO validation for safety, efficacy and quality," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. AP

4 freed from Minnesota bank robbery standoff

ST CLOUD (US)

A STANDOFF between Minnesota police and an alleged hostage-taker continued into the Thursday evening despite the release of four bank employees.

Three women and a man were released from a Wells Fargo Bank branch in St Cloud, said authorities. The first woman ran from the bank toward members of a SWAT team with her hands up. After being searched, she was escorted to safety. Two women and a man later emerged from the bank and were led to safety. It wasn't immediately clear if other bank employees were being held against their will. The incident began around 1.45pm on Thursday, with a report to police of a robbery in progress.

Law enforcement officials initially said an unspecified number of hostages were being held by a male suspect. Police said negotiations were continuing with the suspect, and there were no reports of injuries. St Cloud resident Abdi Kadir told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune he was in the bank drive-through when the teller hurriedly told him to leave. As he drove off, he saw people running out the bank's front door, he said.

"We recognise this is a traumatic moment for the community and our colleagues," Wells Fargo said in a statement. Company spokeswoman Staci Schiller confirmed 'a hostage situation' at the bank's south branch.

Covid, climate change: US, China and Russia vow to strengthen cooperation

UNITED NATIONS

THE top diplomats from the United States, China and Russia urged strengthened global cooperation on Friday, recognising the need to tackle growing global challenges and an unprecedented pandemic but sparring over their different worldviews and who's to blame for threats to multilateralism.

The high-level UN Security Council meeting marked the first joint appearance, albeit virtually, by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his rival counterparts, Foreign Ministers Sergey Lavrov of Russia and Wang Yi, of China who chaired the session as this month's council president.

Despite major differences especially on human rights and democracy, all three said they were ready to cooperate with all countries to address international challenges from the Covid pandemic and climate change to ending conflicts and helping people in need.

Blinken said the post-World War II commitment by nations to work together to prevent conflict, alleviate suffering and defend human rights is in 'serious jeopardy,' pointing to resurgent nationalism, rising repression and deepening rivalries.

"Now, some question whether multilateral cooperation is



still possible," he told the council. "The US believes it is not only possible, it is imperative." Blinken said, "No single country, no matter how powerful, can address the challenges alone' and that's why the US will work through multilateral institutions to stop Covid, tackle climate crisis, stem the spread and use of nuclear weapons, deliver life-saving humanitarian aid and manage conflicts.

"We will also work with any country on these issues — including those with whom we have serious differences," he said. "At the same time, we will continue to push back when we see countries undermine the international order, pretend that the rules we've all agreed to don't exist, or simply violate them." Blinken called for all countries to meet their commitments under the UN Charter, treaties, Security Council resolutions, international hu-

manitarian law, the WTO and other global organisations.

Wang and Lavrov stressed the importance of maintaining the UN as the centre of multilateralism, which Blinken did not. Wang recalled the declaration adopted last September by world leaders commemorating the 75th anniversary of the UN that 'multilateralism is not an option but a necessity.'

He said the more complex global issues are, the greater the need for cooperation on the basis of equality among all nations, 'not zero-sum games.'

Lavrov was more specific in targeting the US and other Western nations. He said the architecture of global governance created at the end of World War II 'is being sorely tested.'

"Unfortunately, not all of our partners are guided by the imperative of working honestly to establish genuine multilateral cooperation," he said. PTI

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UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below-classified as NPA We have to inform you that you whose Name & Address mentioned here in below had availed following credit facilities from **Union Bank of India, BTM 4th Stage Branch**, offering the property, mentioned here in below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned accounts have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:
B Prakash, No 672/9/1, 5th cross, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore, KA-560050
Residence Address 2 : #679/9/1, 5th Cross Bsk 1st Stage 2nd Block Bangalore 560050
Native Address: No. HA-265, Phase-1 Annanagar, Trichy-620026. **Office Address:** SBI Life Insurance Company Limited (Emp Code 3288) Chamrajpet Regional Office 2nd Floor Sri Sai Ram Towers No 24 5th Main K P Puttanna Chetty Road Chamrajpet Bangalore 560018

Name of Facility Amount Due					
Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of Interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total dues 31.03.21 in Rs.
207330100009488	4000000	7.85%	41,63,130.03	54597	42,17,727.03

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, of Rs.42,17,727.03/- (Rupees forty two lakhs seventeen thousand and seven hundred and twenty seven and three paise only) together with interest.

NPA Date: 31.03.2021 **Demand Date:** 08.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets: Land and building – residential belonging to Mr. B Prakash (owner of the property), situated at flat no S-03, Second Floor, Silver Shades, BTM Layout 6th Stage, Muthayala Layout, Bangalore-560054 and bounded by East Corridor, West Road, North Flat no S04, South Private property

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:
1.a Mr.M Jayakumar, No 27/1-1, 8th A Cross, C Block, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023
1.b. Mrs. Saritha J, No 27/1-1, 8th A Cross, C Block, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023
Office Address : Sri Balaji Apparels #76 First Floor Gayathri Mill Complex Magadi Road Bangalore 560023. **Office Address:** Sri Balaji Apparels No 44/1 Kalkingangar Near Jodi Muneshwara Temple Peenya 2nd Stage Bangalore 560091

Name of Facility Amount Due					
Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of Interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total dues 31.03.21 in Rs.
207330100009503	3830000	7.85%	40,01,206.80	52502	40,53,708.80

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, of Rs.40,53,708.80 (Rupees forty lakhs fifty three thousand seven hundred and eighty paise only) together with interest.

NPA Date: 31.03.2021 **Demand Date:** 08.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets: Land and building – residential belonging to M Jayakumar (owner of the property), situated at flat no F-04, First Floor, Silver Shades, BTM Layout 6th Stage, Muthayala Layout, Bangalore-560054 and Bounded by East Corridor, West Road, North Site No 274, South Flat No F 03.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:
1.a. Mr. Prashanth Kumar M, No 09 2nd Floor, Nanjundeshwara Nilaya, Shivanna Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560098. 1.b. Mrs. Asha Rani S, No 09 2nd Floor, Nanjundeshwara Nilaya, Shivanna Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560098. **Office Address:** Food Canteen, Global Academy Of Technology, Ideal Homes Township Mysore Rd Aditya Layout RR Nagar Bengaluru KA-560098

Name of Facility Amount Due					
Facility & Account Number	Limit Sanctioned (Rs.)	Applicable Rate of Interest	Running Ledger O/S (Rs.)	Interest payable In Rs.	Total dues 31.03.21 in Rs.
207330100009433	3150000	7.85%	32,93,031.06	43098	33,36,129.06

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, of Rs.33,36,129.06 (Rupees thirty three lakhs thirty six thousand one hundred and twenty nine and six paise only) together with interest.

NPA Date: 31.03.2021 **Demand Date:** 08.04.2021
Description Of The Secured Assets: Land and building – residential belonging to Mr. Prashanth kumar M (owner of the property), situated at flat no F-01, First Floor, Silver Shades, BTM Layout 6th Stage, Muthayala Layout, Bangalore-560054 and bounded by East Corridor, West Road, North Flat no F04, South Private property

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (6) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 06.05.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Union Bank of India**



ON THE STREETS

Demonstrators burn Israeli and US flags during the annual Al-Quds, or Jerusalem, Day rally in Tehran, Iran, on Friday. Iran held a limited anti-Israeli rally amid the coronavirus pandemic to mark the Quds Day | AP/PTI

Police shootout in Rio slum prompts claims of human rights abuse

RIO DE JANEIRO

A BLOODY, hours-long gun-battle in a Rio de Janeiro slum echoed into Friday, with authorities saying the police mission eliminated two dozen criminals while residents and activists claimed human rights abuses.

It was just after sunrise on Thursday when dozens of officers from Rio de Janeiro state's civil police stormed Jacarezinho, a favela in the city's northern zone. They were tar-

geting drug traffickers from one of Brazil's most notorious criminal organisations, Comando Vermelho, and the bodies piled up quickly.

When the fighting stopped, there were 25 dead, one police officer and 24 people described by the police as 'criminals.'

Analysts declared it one of the city's deadliest police operations ever.

The bloodshed also laid bare Brazil's perennial divide over whether, as a common local saying goes, 'a good crimi-

nal is a dead criminal.' The administration of Rio state's Governor Claudio Castro said in an emailed statement that it lamented the deaths, but that the operation was 'oriented by long and detailed investigative and intelligence work that took months.'

The raid sought to rout gang recruitment of teenagers, police said in an earlier statement, which also cited Comando Vermelho's "warlike structure of soldiers equipped with rifles, grenades, bullet-proof vests." AP

EXPRESS READ

Israel says troops killed 2 Palestinian attackers

Jerusalem: Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinians and wounded a third after the men opened fire on a base in occupied West Bank on Friday, the latest in a series of violent confrontations amid tensions in Jerusalem. Dozens of Palestinians in an east Jerusalem neighborhood are at risk of being evicted following a legal battle with Israeli settlers, and Palestinian protesters have clashed with Israeli police in the city since the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Israeli police said three attackers fired on the base. In the return fire, two of the attackers were killed while the third was wounded. AP

US: Man charged with stabbing 2 Asian women

San Francisco: A man who allegedly stabbed two elderly women without warning at a San Francisco bus stop was charged with attempted murder in an attack that follows a number of others against Asian Americans nationwide, authorities announced on Thursday. Patrick Thompson, 54, of San Francisco also was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and elder abuse for Tuesday's attack, with sentencing enhancements for great bodily injury, great bodily injury on elders and personal use of a deadly weapon, the district attorney's office said in a statement. Thompson, who has a history of mental illness, could face a potential life sentence if convicted. AP

Second wave impact less enduring: FinMin

The ministry, however, fears a downside risk to economic growth in the first quarter of the current financial year

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS the second Covid-19 wave induces lockdown in many parts and continues to claim lives, the finance ministry on Friday admitted it has posed a downside risk to economic activity in the first quarter of this financial year. However, the ministry was quick to add that damage will not be as severe as was seen during first wave.

"The second wave in India is witnessing a much higher caseload with new peaks of daily cases, daily deaths and positivity rates and presents a challenge to ongoing economic



Industrial production shows mixed trends

The index of Industrial Production in February registered a decline of 3.6 per cent (YoY) and 3.9 per cent against January 2021, while the eight-core sector index posted a 6.8 per cent growth (YoY) in March and 11 per cent sequentially.

recovery. With infections forcing localised or state-wide restrictions, there is a downside risk to growth in the first quarter of FY22. However, there are reasons to expect a muted economic impact as compared to

the first wave," the report noted. The fiscal position of the central government, the report said, has witnessed an improvement in the recent months with a revival in economic activities during the second half of 2020-

21. One positive factor was robust GST collection, which has exceeded ₹1 lakh crore in each of the last six months. As per provisional figures, net direct tax collections for 2020-21 were 4.5 per cent higher than Revised Estimates (RE) and 5 per cent higher than collections in 2019-20 — the significant growth compared to 2019-20 provides an indication of economic recovery since the first wave.

However, the report noted that the second wave of the pandemic hit the market sentiment as Nifty 50 and the S&P BSE Sensex recorded losses of 0.4 per cent and 1.5 per cent,

respectively in April, and the rupee depreciated by 2.3 per cent to reach 74.51 INR/USD in April. This was mirrored by net FPI outflows of \$1.18 billion in April.

It assured that domestic financial conditions will continue to remain comfortable with RBI's support to liquidity and with open market operations worth ₹3.17 lakh crore carried out in 2020-21. However, there are concerns on credit growth, which continued to be muted at 5.3 per cent as on April 9. Agriculture, medium industry and trade services led the credit offtake in March, it added.

COSTLY AFFAIR

Tata Motors to hike car, SUV prices by about 2% from May 8

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TATA Motors on Friday announced that effective May 8, it will increase prices of its passenger vehicles, averaging 1.8 per cent, depending on the variant and model. At present, Tata Motors sells a range of vehicles starting from entry hatchback Tiago to newly introduced Safari SUV, priced between ₹4.85 to ₹21.4 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). A near two per cent hike will make the newly launched Safari expensive by around ₹40,000.

Meanwhile, customers who have booked the carmaker's vehicles on or before May 7 will be shielded from the hike, the company said in a statement.

"Increase in prices of commodities, such as steel and precious metals, necessitates us to pass on a part of it through increase in price of our products," said Shailesh Chandra, President - Passenger Vehicles Business. It also hiked prices across its commercial vehicle range in January this year.

Tata Motors' announcement follows several other automakers going for price spikes on select models in recent times. In fact, most of the automakers have increased prices of their vehicles twice this year— first in January and then in April.

Earlier this week, Mahindra & Mahindra silently hiked prices of all models across its portfolio by up to ₹49,000. The price hike includes models such as the KUV100, XUV300, Bolero, Thar, Marazzo, XUV500, and Alturas G4.

Similarly, Swedish carmaker Volvo also increased the prices of its luxury sedan S90 and premium SUVs, XC40, XC60 and XC90, in the range of ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh this week. Volvo said the decision was taken in the wake of rising input costs, volatile forex situation over the years and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the routine business set up.

Petrol, diesel prices increased again

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PETROL and diesel prices in the country were hiked again for the fourth straight day on Friday, taking petrol prices over the ₹100 per litre mark in states with high VAT taxes such as Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The price hikes come after a hiatus of 18 days as key states went to the polls.

On Friday, state-run oil marketing companies hiked petrol prices by a steep 29 paise per litre and diesel by 31 paise a litre. The past four days have seen petrol price increase by 88 paise per litre and diesel by ₹1, paring away the benefit of the reduction seen between

March 24 and April 15.

While petrol prices had already crossed the psychological ₹100 per litre mark in February this year, a softening of prices ahead of the polls had offered some relief. The current state of price hikes have resulted in petrol prices hitting ₹102.15 a litre in Sri Ganaganagar district of Rajasthan; ₹101.86 in Anuppur of Madhya Pradesh; and ₹99.95 a litre in Parbhani, Maharashtra. Prices in New Delhi stood at ₹91.27 per litre and diesel at ₹81.73.

The price hikes come in the backdrop of an increase in global crude oil prices, but Indian consumers have received none of the benefits



from the massive reduction in crude oil prices seen over the past year. While crude oil prices are currently trading in the \$65-70 per barrel range, these levels have only been attained over the past few weeks as glo-

bal economic recovery has gathered momentum.

For the large portion of last year, crude oil prices have been trading at multi-year lows. However, much of this reduction has been siphoned away to the government exchequer through a massive increase in Central excise duties since the outbreak.

Central and state taxes make up for 60 per cent of the retail selling price of petrol and over 54 per cent of diesel. The union government levies ₹32.90 per litre of excise duty on petrol and ₹31.80 on diesel. The remaining taxes are levied by state governments in the form of VAT.

EXPRESS READ

WhatsApp scraps May 15 deadline for accepting new privacy policy

New Delhi: WhatsApp has scrapped its May 15 deadline for users to accept its controversial privacy policy update. WhatsApp added that it will not be deleting accounts of users who do not accept the new terms. Initially, the deadline to accept this new policy was February 8, 2021 but WhatsApp had revised the deadline after facing severe backlash over user concerns that data was being shared with parent company Facebook. The policy is also being watched by India's top Court.

Bank credit shrinks by ₹89,087 cr in April on Covid-19 blow: RBI data

New Delhi: Bank credit plunged by ₹89,087 crore in April reflecting a lean period at the start of new financial year (FY22). The bank credit expanded by 5.7 per cent in 12 months till April 23, 2021, as against 6.8 per cent a year ago. The outstanding credit as on April 23 stood at ₹108.60 lakh crore, according to Reserve Bank of India data. The year-on-year growth in credit has also fallen for the first time in last five years, mirroring subdued credit demand amidst the Covid-19 second wave.

India to see fiscal deficit slippage in FY22 driven by lower revenues: Fitch

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INDIA is likely to breach its fiscal deficit target in the current financial year (April 2021 to March 2022) mainly due to revenue shortfall, Fitch Solutions said, revising its forecast for India's deficit to 8.3 per cent of GDP in FY22 from 8 per cent previously.

This puts the forecast even further from the government's 6.8 per cent deficit projection for FY22 made in the February Union Budget. "The main driver of deficit forecast revision is a downward revision to our outlook for revenues,

given that the flare-up in Covid-19 cases and containment measures in place will hamper economic recovery, which will have a negative impact on fiscal revenues," said Fitch. It maintained government expenditure forecast at ₹34.7 lakh crore in line with the government's ₹34.8 lakh crore projection for FY22 on the back of the government's high pandemic-period spending so as to bolster pace of economic recovery. Against this, revenue is likely to come in at ₹16.5 lakh crore, down from

the government's estimate of ₹17.8 lakh crore owing to an impaired outlook for India's economic recovery as a result of the ongoing health crisis.

"Given the flare-up in Covid-19 infections, which has since overwhelmed the Indian healthcare system, we expect there to be reallocation of spending in favour of healthcare spending this fiscal year," Fitch Solutions said adding healthcare spending is projected to be ₹74,600 crore or 2.1 per cent of the total planned FY22 expenditures.



'LEND TO HEALTHCARE SPACE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF AVAILING FUNDS'

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THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said banks should lend to stakeholders in the Covid-related healthcare infrastructure and services within 30 days from the date of availing funds under the ₹50,000 crore liquidity window. According to the scheme, while there is no tenor restriction, lenders will have to ensure that the amount borrowed from the central bank is backed by lending to the specified segments until the scheme's maturity.

The scheme, which opens an on-tap liquidity window of ₹50,000 crore for banks with tenors of up to three years at the repo rate till March 31, 2022, seeks to boost immediate liquidity, ramping up India's Covid-related healthcare infrastructure and services. The scheme will remain operational from May 07, 2021, till March 31, 2022. According to Crisil Ratings analysts, liquidity window can help augment the bed capacity at hospitals by up to 20 per cent as credit will be available at cheaper costs. The agency said 354 companies it rates, with an aggregate bank exposure of ₹40,000 crore, will be eligible for such loans. Pharmaceutical firms

account for 68 per cent of the rated bank exposure, but hospitals (24 per cent of rated exposure) are likely to avail majority of the funding available. Currently, hospitals pay up to 11 per cent in interest on their borrowings, and the new loans under the new schemes will be cheaper by up to 3.5 per cent, its chief ratings officer Subodh Rai said. Pharma players won't be keen to avail credit under this scheme because they already borrow money at much lower costs of 8-8.5 per cent. Banks could also park their surplus liquidity up to the size of the Covid loan book they build in a special 14-day reverse repo window. RBI will offer 40 basis points higher interest than the current reverse report rate on such liquidity. Besides, lenders are being incentivised for quick credit delivery as these loans will now be classified as priority sector lending.

Analysts, however, warn that missing risk appetite among lenders may gain from the liquidity boost. The observation comes from the fact that despite the massive liquidity boost last year, credit offtake had plunged to a 59-year-low of 5.6 per cent in FY21.

RBI to conduct first SLTRO of ₹10K cr on May 17

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank (RBI) on Friday said it will conduct the first auction for special long-term repo operations (SLTRO) of ₹10,000 crore for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) on May 17. In a bid to provide further support to small business units, micro and small industries, and other unorganised sector entities adversely affected during the current wave of the pandemic, the RBI has decided to conduct SLTRO of ₹10,000 crore at the repo rate for the SFBs, to be deployed for fresh lending of up to ₹10 lakh per borrower. The facility will be available till October 31, 2021. In a statement, RBI said it will conduct one auction for SLTRO each month. "The first auction will be conducted on May 17, 2021, for ₹10,000 crore. The unutilised portion of notified ₹10,000 crore will be carried forward in each subsequent auction until fully utilised or till the last auction, whichever is earlier," it said. In case of over-subscription of the notified amount, the allotment will be done on a pro-rata basis, the central bank said. The minimum bid amount would be ₹1 crore.



QUARTERLY EARNINGS

HDFC posts 31% rise in profit on strong demand recovery

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HOME development finance major HDFC Ltd on Friday reported a sharp 31 per cent rise in consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) for the fourth quarter of FY21, primarily due to a strong recovery in the segment recorded during the second half of the financial year.

According to HDFC Vice Chairman and CEO Keki Mistry, while the individual segment saw slow loan growth, this picked up rapidly in the latter half. "There was an extremely strong recovery in the second half which was significantly faster and greater than what we had envisaged at the start of the year (FY2021). Our individual loan disbursements grew by 42 per cent in October 2020 to March 2021 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year," Mistry said. The fourth quarter conse-

quently saw individual loan disbursements grow by 60 per cent over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. March 2021 also witnessed the highest levels in terms of individual receipts, approvals and disbursements, Mistry noted.

The comeback has led to HDFC recording a consolidated PAT of ₹5,669 crore for Q4 against ₹4,342 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. On a standalone basis, PAT grew 42 per cent to ₹3,180 crore over the previous year.

For the full year, after providing for tax of ₹2,788 crore, the standalone PAT stood at ₹12,027 crore against ₹17,770 crore in FY20. However, Mistry said that these numbers were not comparable because the company had recorded a fair value gain consequent to the merger of GRUH Finance with Bandhan Bank amounting to ₹9,020 crore in FY20.

Dabur Q4 net up 34%, plans to invest ₹550 cr towards capacity expansion

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FMCG major Dabur India on Friday reported a 34 per cent jump in its consolidated net profit for the quarter ended March 2021, clocking earnings of ₹377.29 crore. The company had posted a net profit of ₹281.60 crore in the January-March quarter a year ago. Its revenue during the quarter jumped 25.27 per cent year-on-year to ₹2,336.79 crore, against ₹1,865.36 crore a year ago.

Dabur India CEO Mohit Malhotra said that Dabur's growth comes in a challenging market environment. "Dabur's financial situation remains strong with a 25.6 per cent growth in our operating profit during the fourth quarter of 2020-21. Our



India FMCG business led the growth with a 28.3 per cent surge, with an underlying best-ever FMCG volume growth of 25.4 per cent during the fourth quarter of 2020-21," he said. Revenue from the consumer care business segment was up 26.36 per cent to ₹2,009.63 crore, while revenue from its food business rose 24.93 per cent to ₹274.14 crore. But retail busi-

ness revenues remained lower by 18 per cent than in the previous financial year at ₹23.13 crore. Revenue from other segments, however, was up 17 per cent to ₹23.95 crore.

"Dabur continued to gain market share across all key categories like shampoos, toothpaste, hair oils, chyawanprash and packaged juices and nectars, during the quarter and the full year," the company said. Meanwhile, Malhotra told analysts in a post-earnings call that the company will invest ₹550 crore over the next four to five years to set up a greenfield facility in central India to cater to its east, south, west and also the north region. It also plans to augment existing capacity for the healthcare business.

FACT-CHECK

Telcos body forced to dispel rumours linking Covid to 5G

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THE Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), an industry association representing India's private telecom services providers such as Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, and Vodafone Idea, has been forced to put out a clarification that the recently approved 5G trials are not linked in any way to the sharp rise in Covid-19 infections after rumours linking the two gained mileage in certain areas.

"We would like to clarify that these rumours are absolutely false. We urge people not to fall for such baseless misinformation. Several countries in the world have already

rolled out 5G networks, and people are using these services safely. Even the World Health Organization (WHO) has clarified that there is no correlation

between 5G technology and Covid-19," COAI Director General S P Kochhar said in a statement.

COAI also pointed out that there were no 5G trials going on in the country and no 5G towers have been installed as yet. The association said it has come across multiple messages on social media platforms as well as reports in a few regional media mentioning 5G spectrum trials as the probable cause for rising Covid-19 cases. "I appeal fellow citizens to beware of these fake messages," Kochhar appealed.



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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 22/ 05/ 2021 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website. The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

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MATTI 4, 4809, MAHALAKSHMI, 113130/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, 7623, HEMANTHKUMAR S, 20583/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 2, 7624, HEMANTHKUMAR S, 15733/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 7748, DHANANAJYA, 21561/-, CHAIN 1, 8813, VISHWANATHA C N, 9873/-, STUD 2, 8831, JAYADEVA, 12401/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 8922, GIRISHA, 69070/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 9186, KAMALAMMA, 28533/-, CHAIN 1, 9354, YOGISH, 48743/-, STUD 7, 9383, SUMA, 42890/-, NECKLACE 1, 9466, JAGADEESHA, 13485/-, STUD 2, 0735, VENKATESH M S, 18021/-, DROPS 2, 0933, SHAHJAJAN, 1293756/-, BRACELET 2, BROAD BANGLES 1, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 10, FINGER RINGS 7, NECKLACE 4, 0942, BASAVARAJU, 113898/-, NECKLACE 1, 0953, KANTHARAJU B V, 85105/-, BANGLE 2, DROPS & STUD 2, 0979, RAJESH P K, 14837/-, LOCKET 1, 0980, RAJESH P K, 63351/-, BANGLE 2, 0981, RAJESH P K, 11558/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0982, RAJESH P K, 29773/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 0983, MOHAN KUMAR, 100888/-, DROPS & STUD 8, FINGER RINGS 3, 0988, SHIVANANDA T, 217293/-, DROPS & STUD 2, NECKLACE 2, 1014, VASEEK, 19549/-, MATTI 2, 1045, SWATHI A, 108864/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 4, 1046, SWATHI A, 30216/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 1129, THIMMAIAH T, 7034/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1209, NIJAGUNAT K, 37328/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1236, RIZWANA BEGALIM, 11771/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 1275, VINAY A B, 13000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1277, MANJUNATHA M, 15023/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1292, YASHWANTH KUMAR, 54031/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 2256, TEJA M, 44300/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 2347, SUMATHI, 26100/-, STUD 2, 2383, ARUN KUMAR P, 12250/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3085, SHUKTHA, 13010/-, BANGLE 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, 3092, GIRIJA, 106106/-, BRACELET 1, 3097, KIRAN KUMAR KARAJIGI, 7822/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3100, KHAJA, 26577/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 3105, MANJUNATHA, 265000/-, NECKLACE 1, 3116, NETHARANGAS, 84029/-, BANGLE 2, 3120, SRINIVASARAJU G, 10308/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3138, PADMAVATHI, 124300/-, CHAIN 1, 3143, KIRANAM, 40302/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 3146, SUMATHI, 13000/-, STUD 2, 3151, RAMKRISHNAIAH D N, 18500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3160, VIJAYA, 38000/-, CHAIN 1, STUD 2, 3161, JAGADEESH S S, 11400/-, LOCKET 1, 3162, SIDDARAJU B, 55000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, 3163, MALLESHEEMBAED, 20250/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3167, DEVARAJ L, 17000/-, MATTI 2, 3173, YASMEEN, 24300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3174, YASMEEN, 115115/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 1, LOCKET 1, 3175, YASMEEN, 14400/-, DROPS 2, 3177, SHARADAMMA, 57535/-, DROPS & STUD 10, FINGER RINGS 2, 3184, PADMAVATHI, 13500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3199, KARTHIK H, 9500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3201, VENKATESH N, 33300/-, BABY BANGLES 2, STUD 2, 3213, SANTHOSH B, 14000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3228, ANANDAM M, 7199/-, STUD 2, 3229, ANANDAM M, 53700/-, CHAIN 1, 3235, MANJUNATHA, 25000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3259, MOHAN KUMAR G, 6500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3267, BASWARAJ, 21049/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3268, MOHAN KUMAR G, 9300/-, LOCKET 1, 3270, THIMMESH N C, 50000/-, CHAIN 1, 3293, NALINI M, 7000/-, NECKLACE 1, 3296, DIVYASHREE B M, 10362/-, STUD 2, 117990730017781, SUMATHI, 19683/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 7935, SANDRSHA R, 96440/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 8179, PARAMESH N, 83300/-, CHAIN 1, 8440, ANIL KUMAR R, 7999/-, DROPS 2, 8994, SHWETHABAI G, 39800/-, DROPS & STUD 1, 117900730020869, PRABHAKAR B, 36615/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MATTI 2, 1438, K SWATHI KANNAN PILLAI, 92002/-, CHAIN 1, 1503, MOHAN P, 22019/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 1571, MADANKUMAR U, 260000/-, BANGLE 2, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 1575, SAYANTH K V, 11698/-, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 3, 1577, RAGHU N S, 69773/-, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 2, 1579, SHIVAKUMAR M, 85913/-, CHAIN 1, 1684, KUMARESHAN M, 26128/-, BABY BANGLES 2, 1773, NALINI M, 21027/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1861, NEHA R, 18750/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1902, TEJAS KUMAR A, 11902/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1933, GURURAJA S, 68309/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 2044, ANIL KUMAR K R, 12293/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2115, GURURAJA S, 32447/-, STUD 2, 2116, GURURAJA S, 25630/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 2144, HARISHRAJARASA V G, 24641/-, BRACELET 1, 2145, HARISHRAJARASA V G, 122254/-, CHAIN 2, DROPS & STUD 6, 2203, NAGESH V S, 64800/-, NECKLACE 1, 5408, BEENA VARGHESE, 21813/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5429, MADHU S, 63575/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 5445, PRAVEEN M, 7000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5508, SHIVAPPA R S, 8500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 5545, CHANDRA SHEKAR REDDY, 7000/-, STUD 2, 5555, JAGADISH T N, 24993/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 6007, RANJESH KUMAR A, 16500/-, DROPS 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 6012, SRIDHAR V, 102696/-, NECKLACE 1, 6040, BALAJI S V, 6000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6042, MOHAMMED NIAMATHULLAH, 13130/-, CHAIN 1, 6063, GANESH M, 16160/-, LOCKET 1, 6066, RAMESH G, 69046/-, NECKLACE 1, 6071, ANANTHARAJU, 132228/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, MATTI 2, NECKLACE 1, 6080, THOYAVAN M, 41822/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 6110, NAJIR, 106800/-, NECKLACE 2, STUD 2, 6115, BALASUNDARAN, 22400/-, CHAIN 1, 6128, KUPPU RAJA, 99999/-, NECKLACE 1, 6135, BHARATHI, 16400/-, DROPS 2, STUD 2, 11805073000551, SUNIL H G, 12116/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0869, GANESH M, 16646/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1197, MANJUNATHA, 81959/-, CHAIN 1, 1289, GANESH M, 18454/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1290, GANESH M, 26434/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 1291, GANESH M, 34936/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 1328, GANESH M, 53057/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 4, 1353, GANESH M, 88483/-, CHAIN 1, 1659, PRAVEEN M, 212282/-, CHAIN 1, 1660, PRAVEEN M, 149055/-, BANGLE 1, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 4, 1723, KISHORE BABU METLA, 25574/-, CHAIN 1, 1851, SATISHKUMAR, 65000/-, CHAIN 1, 1949, MANJUNATH C K, 4951/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 2014, PRAVEEN M, 63841/-, NECKLACE 1, 3915, NAGARAJU N, 9018/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 3960, IMRAN KHAN, 13550/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4020, DEEPU SELVARAJ, 12018/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4139, S R MANOJ, 13216/-, CHAIN 1, 4141, S R MANOJ, 10177/-, MATTI 1, 4205, VEDA, 39871/-, STUD 2, 4229, SANJEEVKUMAR, 52344/-, CHAIN 1, 4230, SANJEEVKUMAR, 31862/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 4321, KUMAR M, 51414/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 4330, RAGHAVENDRA S R, 91836/-, NECKLACE 1, 4333, SOWMYA, 447050/-, BROAD BANGLES 2, CHAIN 2, 4334, SOWMYA, 184925/-, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 4, NECKLACE 1, 4375, PRAVEEN M, 86580/-, NECKLACE 1, 4383, SHARADA, 8092/-, STUD 2, 4390, AMBIOKA, 6330/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4406, HARINATH REDDY, 29806/-, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 4466, SANJEEVKUMAR, 199473/-, NECKLACE 1, 4526, SATHEESHA S, 17570/-, BABY BANGLES 1, 4589, JAIYARAM S, 28800/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4661, KISHORE BABU METLA, 85356/-, NECKLACE 1, 4662, KISHORE BABU METLA, 193100/-, NECKLACE 1, 4675, SRIVATSA S, 13640/-, FINGER RINGS 1, BANGALORE, LAGGERE BRIDGE, 11822070005125, ANNADORI M, 7965/-, FINGER RINGS 2, STUD 2, 2634, MANJUNATH M N, 189927/-, CHAIN 1, 2722, MALATESH A M, 39804/-, CHAIN 1, 2761, YESU RAKSHAKA V, 51500/-, CHAIN 1, 3094, GOVINDRAJU, 130567/-, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 2, NECKLACE 1, 3231, ANANDAM, 15000/-, STUD 2, 3286, ANITHA J H, 33000/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 3311, VITHAL SHETTY, 39815/-, CHAIN 1, 3320, NAGAMANI, 20972/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 3328, SANTHOSHAM S, 133458/-, CHAIN 1, 3391, SURESH, 70000/-, BRACELET 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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಇಂಟೆಂಡ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಪಾವತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳ ವಿವರ
1	DMA/2020-21/ IND11730/CALL-2	Procurement of Push Carts For Solid Waste Management Activities of Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation
2	DMA/2020-21/ IND11732/CALL-2	Procurement of Wheel Barrow For solid waste management Activities of Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation
3	DMA/2020-21/ IND11731/CALL-2	Procurement of Twin Bins for Solid Waste Management Activities of Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation
4	DMA/2020-21/ IND11543/CALL-3	Supply of Backhoe Loader (80 HP and above) at Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation Dharwad Division
5	DMA/2020-21/ IND11541/CALL-3	Supply of Backhoe Loader (80 HP) at Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Hubli Division
6	DMA/2020-21/ IND11719/CALL-2	Procurement of Tracked Excavator / Hydraulic Excavator with Dozer Blade for Hubli Solid Waste Processing Plant
7	DMA/2020-21/ IND11718/CALL-2	Procurement of Tracked Excavator / Hydraulic Excavator with Dozer Blade for Dharwad Solid Waste Processing Plant
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China said Friday the risk of damage from a rocket falling back to Earth was “extremely low”, after the United States warned it could crash down on to an inhabited area. Military experts in the US expect the body of the rocket to come down some time around Saturday or Sunday and warned it was difficult to predict where it will land and when.

Despite challenges in these desperate times, many NGOs, organisations and volunteers are actively engaged in helping those in need by providing food, shelter, running errands, animal care...you name it. These selfless bunch of people are keeping the spirit of humanity alive. In the first of a series, here's the list of a few

KERALA

Sahrudaya, charitable organisation
Sahrudaya, a charitable organisation under Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese of the Syro Malabar Church, caters to the needs of the destitute in the district under its project 'Karunya Sparsham'. Food packets are distributed on all weekends.
📍 **Ernakulam** 📞 **0484-2344243**

People For Animals (PFA)
The organisation has been engaged in rescue, rehabilitation, feeding and taking care of animals. PFA provides shelter for pets when all family members are Covid positive.
📍 **Thiruvananthapuram** 📞 **9061607700**

Fr Davis Chiramel's Hunger Hunt
Fr Davis Chiramel, Founder of Kidney Federation of India, is engaged in feeding those requiring food anywhere in Kerala. This priest has started another humanitarian effort to provide food for those in his locality – Thrissur – in coordination with a group of people.
📍 **Thrissur** 📞 **9447883378**

Rakshak Accident and Rescue Service
The service is providing help by getting medicines and other facilities for Covid care. The NGO helps people get medicines that are unavailable in their area. Those in need can contact Rakshak 24/7
📍 **Angamaly (Ernakulam)** 📞 **9847048674**

Sehion Preshita Sangam
The organisation has been providing food for those in quarantine and also those suffering due to the lockdown, besides the poor. The central kitchen provides food for over 1,000 people and this sometimes goes above 2,000.
📍 **Edakochi** 📞 **9847727088**

For Speech and Hearing Impaired
National Institute of Speech and Hearing (NISH) has launched a 24*7 helpline exclusively for speech and hearing-impaired persons. The helpline offers counselling services to stress-related issues in addition to answering queries and concerns relating to Covid-19. Sign language interpreters are available to attend WhatsApp video calls.
📞 **9446750983, 9496918178, 9249505723.** 📍 **Anywhere**

Ashakiranam
Their cancer care campaign under Caritas India has launched a telemedicine helpline for cancer patients who can't travel to hospitals during the

lockdown. Oncologists will attend to cases through video calls.
📍 **Alapuzha** 📞 **9400778362**

Rajiv Youth Foundation
The Malappuram-based NGO provides home delivery of food kits and medicines to people during lockdown.
📍 **Malappuram** 📧 **rajivyouthfoundation5@gmail.com**
📧 **rparamban@gmail.com**

Annapoorna Charitable foundation
The NGO distributes food kits to the poor in society. Providing food and essential items to those who are in need during the pandemic. They are also helping in blood donation.
📍 **Kannur** 📞 **9447735845**

Mini Sports and Arts Club
The volunteers have stepped into social service like, giving food to the beggars, protecting animals, taking care of around 200 palliative patients and providing ambulance services.
📍 **Mattannur, Kannur** 📞 **04902473512**

PET CARE

Sachithra Soman
She takes care of pets especially dogs and has been offering her service to people who have been quarantined or hospitalised. She will visit the pets and feed them.
📍 **Kochi** 📞 **9061080017**

Hachiko
Hachiko is a dedicated pet boarding, grooming and pet clinic in Vennala. Since March, Hachiko provides facilities for pets whose owners are in isolation or quarantine. Have clinic facilities, pet supplies and other facilities at the center.
📍 **Kochi** 📞 **9746061123**

AMBULANCE HELP

All Kerala Ambulance Owners and Drivers Association has been on the forefront of helping people reach hospitals on time. They help make available vehicles in areas which has a dearth of it anywhere in the state.
📞 **9895261141, 9846021141**

TELANGANA

Cyber Jagrithi
With illegal online sale of remdesivir injections and other Covid-related resources, cyber crime is increasing. They help in filling such complaints.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **9133266399**
🔗 **https://twitter.com/cyberjagrithi**

Feed the needy
The group is helping people to coordinate with patients and donors for plasma donation. They are also helping with ambulance service.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **7995404040**

No food waste
Providing free ambulance, food and medicine kit to patients isolated at home. They renting out oxygen cylinders (two) and concentrators (two) without fee.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **9866006269**
🔗 **@nfw_hyderabad**

Shakina Foundation
The foundation is providing free food, oxygen cylinder, isolation centres, medicine, oxygen on wheels.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **8008008012**

Rikit Shahi
Delivery of commodities or run errand for any one in home isolation in Khairatabad area
📍 **Khairatabad, Hyderabad** 📞 **9963033832**

Relief riders
They are delivering medicines at the doorsteps of elderly people, especially to those who cannot venture out due to the pandemic.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **9566170334**

Seva Bharthi
The organisation is providing beds in Covid isolation centre at RVK School, Annojiguda, for mild and asymptomatic cases. Everything is free.
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **040-48212529**

PET CARE

Scoobies Pet service
They pick up and take care of your pet incase you are Covid positive
📍 **Hyderabad** 📞 **960373207/964255967**

TAMIL NADU

Rajasthan Youth Association Cosmo Elite Foundation
The foundation is providing free lunch to Covid patients in home quarantine. They have provided food to more than 2,800 patients around the city since launched last week.
📍 **Chennai** 📞 **9940563528**

Relief Riders
They help in buying groceries, essentials and over-the-counter medicines for Covid patients in home quarantine and senior citizens. The group has two doctors among them to verify the medicines. They plan to start food delivery too.
📍 **Chennai** 📞 **9884089770**

Karunai Ullangal
The group runs free emergency rescue vehicles to transfer patients from one hospital to another, get CT and other scans or pick up and drop services to and from government hospitals. They have two vehicles with oxygen, one normal rescue van and an auto-rickshaw.
📍 **Chennai** 📞 **9841776685**

Pasi Ila Thamilaham
The NGO is performing last rites of Covid victims along with a free hearse service. They bury or cremate the corpse and conduct rituals according to the victim's religion. They also distribute food for the homeless on Sundays.
📍 **Tenkasi** 📞 **8883340888**

Community kitchen
Sridhar Vembu, CEO of Zoho, said that his company's community kitchen has begun providing meals to people in Tenkasi. People who have been struggling for food can get a meal there.
📍 **Tenkasi** 📞 **9791426564**

R Soya (Self help group in coordination with Tirunelveli Corporation)
They distribute food to approximately 1500 people every day. They are also providing shelter at two homes for the homeless (at the Corporation as well as at a shelter near the high ground in the city)
📍 **Tirunelveli** 📞 **9976649066**

VMJ Trust
Provides food to patients' relatives who wait at government and private hospitals. The trust also offers financial help to those in need and provide an ambulance service
📍 **Kanniyakumari** 📞 **7010259901**

Rajesh Udhavum Karangal
Ambulance service, hearse vans and last rites of Covid victims. Also distribution of food to those in need, especially during Sunday lockdowns.
📍 **Aruppukottai (Virudhunagar)** 📞 **9842122046 / 7010763134**

Virudhai Vizhudhugal
Distribution of food to the homeless as well as other programmes like door delivery of items to patients in isolation.
📍 **Virudhunagar** 📞 **9994181139**

Anbaal Inaivom Ilaingargal Sangam
Distribution of food to the homeless as well as those in quarantine. Also supply of medicines and food if there is demand. Subsidisation of grocery items in villages and town area
📍 **Sivakasi** 📞 **7339237879**

Aram Trust
Last rites of Covid patients and, distribution of food and medicines to isolating patients.
📍 **Rajapalayam** 📞 **9080770910 / 9345396026**

Food on pushcart
To cater to the needs of daily-wage labourers, who have lost their source of income due to Covid, a financier has come up with a novel way to give them food. He places food parcels and bananas in a pushcart near Gobichettipalayam bus stand
📍 **Gobichettipalayam**

Sri Sathya Sai Seva
The organisation will be providing lunch to patients in isolation from Saturday.
📍 **Salem** 📞 **9994349579, 9487569702**

PET CARE

Urvanam
The animal rescue group offers free pet care if families are down with Covid. They take care of dogs, cats, birds and fish.
📍 **Madurai** 📞 **9940832133**

ANDHRA

Seven Hills Arcade
Residents of this society have set up provisions to distribute food to patients in home isolation. Report needed to avail free services.
📍 **Vidyanagar (Tirupati)** 📞 **7382013870/9100640979**

Student organisation
A team of students working in an organisation is supplying medicines and other essential commodities to Covid patients in home isolation
📍 **Gudur, Nellore** 📞 **9505908258**

Nari Sena Global Women Forum
The forum is providing free food for Covid positive patients in home isolation.
📍 **Visakhapatnam** 📞 **9603648754, 7893656403, 8106407087**

Homemade Goodness
Providing free food to families in home isolation.
📍 **Visakhapatnam** 📞 **6300667177**

Satish Savitri Sarella
Sarella of Future-India Foundation is delivering food packets to people in home isolation.
📍 **Vijayawada** 📞 **831753253**

Cooking food
Padmaja, a cooking teacher (also part of Art of Living) and her team are providing food packets to those in home isolation and unable to cook
📍 **Vijayawada** 📞 **9618000399**

Sanjeevini Seva Trust
V Venkataramana Reddy of the trust is helping in transporting unclaimed bodies of Covid victims and performing their last rites.
📍 **Anantapur** 📞 **9440476651**

Life World Charitable Trust
Uday Kumar of Life World Charitable Trust in Hindupur of Anantapur district, with the help of his friends, is performing last rites of victims.
📍 **Hindupur** 📞 **9908052099**

May I Help You
Arranging transportation to hospitals, taking care of aged and those orphaned. They are also performing last rites of Covid victims
📍 **Prodattur, Kadapa** 📞 **9494835378**

The Bashas
SK Mehaboob Basha and brother SK Jillani are providing free food and operating ambulances for free transportation of patients to hospitals and shifting bodies to burial grounds.
📍 **Kadapa** 📞 **9441030986**

Carbon emissions from energy dropped by 10% in EU last year

CLIMATE CHANGE

BRUSSELS: Carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel combustion dropped 10 per cent in the European Union last year amid the coronavirus pandemic, according to estimates from the EU's statistical office.
Eurostat said in a statement Friday that emissions fell in all of the EU's 27 member nations compared to 2019 as governments imposed lockdown measures to slow the spread of the virus. Greece recorded the largest decrease (-18.7 per cent), followed by Estonia (-18.1 per cent), Luxembourg (-17.9 per cent), Spain (-16.2 per cent) and Denmark (-14.8 per cent). The countries with the smallest reductions were Malta (-1 per cent), Hungary (-1.7 per cent), Ireland (-2.6 per cent) and Lithuania (-2.6 per cent). Eurostat said the sources of the cutbacks varied. "The largest decreases were seen for all types of coals.



The consumption of oil and oil products also decreased in almost all member states, while natural gas consumption decreased only in 15 member states and increased or stayed at the same level in the 12 others,' the office said.
CO2 emissions from energy consumption account for about 75 per cent of all man-made greenhouse gases in the EU. The amounts produced are influenced by many factors, including economic growth, transportation and industrial activities.
As part of the 'European Green Deal,' the EU has committed itself to cutting greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 per cent by 2030 compared to 1990 levels. Brussels is also aiming to become 'climate neutral' by midcentury.
Scientists say this goal needs to be achieved to keep average global temperatures from rising above 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 F) by the year 2100.

Volcano erupts in Indonesia's Sumatra island

ENVIRONMENT

MEDAN (INDONESIA): Indonesia's rumbling Mount Sinabung erupted Friday, spewing a thick column of volcanic ash 2.8 kilometers (1.7 miles) into the sky.
Villages near the volcano in North Sumatra province have been relocated after past eruptions, and there were no further evacuations or casualties from the new blast. People have been advised to stay 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) from the crater's mouth and to be aware of ashfall and avalanches of volcanic debris.
Activity at the volcano was increasing, with at least 15 smaller eruptions recorded in the past week, said Armen Putra, an official at the Sinabung monitoring post. "The potential for eruption is still high. There will be more eruption in the near future," Putra said.
Sinabung is one of the most active volcanoes in Indonesia, and some 30,000 people have been forced to leave nearby homes in the past few years.
Sinabung is among more than 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia, which is located on the 'Ring of Fire,' an arc of volcanoes and fault lines encircling the Pacific Ocean.



SPEWING FIRE

Mount Sinabung erupted in North Sumatra on Friday | AP

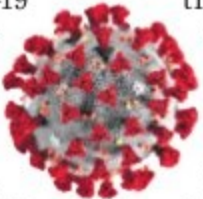
SIGHT-KICK

Everest open but get tested, keep distance

ADVENTURE

BEIJING: China has opened Mount Everest's northern slope to a few dozen mountaineers who will be tested for the coronavirus and must keep their distance while ascending the world's highest peak.
Both Nepal and China closed the mountain to foreign climbers last year because of the pandemic. Nepal has allowed in foreign climbers this season despite a surging COVID-19 outbreak, and at least one climber, a Norwegian, confirmed last month he had contracted the virus.
Nepal mountaineering officials have denied any outbreak on the mountain, citing only altitude sickness and other ailments common in the cold, harsh, low-oxygen environment where climbers stay in close quarters. This week, the Himalayan nation halted all flights as part of a strict lockdown of its capital and major cities amid its recent surge.
In contrast, China, where COVID-19 first emerged, has now largely contained domestic transmission of the virus, but it has maintained restric-

tions such as health checks and is on guard against imported cases.
The 38 people who were issued Chinese permits to climb the peak, known as Qomolangma in Tibetan, must come from parts of China that are at low risk for infection and must show a clean bill of health before attempting the summit, state media reported Friday.
They must undergo temperature checks regularly, use bottled oxygen and stay 4 meters (13 feet) from other climbers at the summit. They will be provided masks, thermometers and disinfectant. Climbing schedules from the south side of the mountain, which is in Nepal, will be consulted so packs of climbers don't meet, said Nyima Tsering, head of the bureau overseeing Chinese climbing operations. People not registered to climb on the Chinese side are strictly barred from that side.
Last year, China used the break in climbing to haul some 6 tons of garbage off the mountain that has attracted ever-larger groups of climbers enabled by commercial mountaineering companies.



Night vision and superb hearing in a small theropod suggest it was a moonlight predator

PALEONTOLOGY

Today, barn owls, bats, leopards and many other animals rely on their keen senses to live and hunt under the dim light of stars. These nighttime specialists avoid the competition of daylight hours, hunting their prey under the cloak of darkness, often using a combination of night vision and acute hearing.
But was there nightlife 100 million years ago? In a world without owls or leopards, were dinosaurs working the night

shift? If so, what senses did they use to find food and avoid predators in the darkness? To better understand the senses of dinosaur ancestors of birds, our team of paleontologists and paleobiologists scoured research papers and museum collections looking for fossils that preserved delicate eye and ear structures. And we found some.
Using scans of fossilised dinosaur skulls, in a paper published in the journal Science on



May 6, 2021, we describe the most convincing evidence to date for nocturnal dinosaurs. Two fossil species – Haplocheirus sollers and Shuvuuia deserti – likely had extremely good night vision. But our work also shows that S. deserti also had incredibly sensitive hearing similar to modern-day owls.
This is the first time these two traits have been found in the same fossil, suggesting that this small, desert-dwelling dinosaur that lived in

ancient Mongolia was probably a specialised night-hunter of insects and small mammals.
Looking to theropods
By studying fossilised eye bones, one of us, Lars Schmitz, had previously found that some small predatory dinosaurs may have hunted at night. Most of these potentially nocturnal hunters were theropods, the group of three-toed dinosaurs that includes Tyrannosaurus rex and modern birds. But to date, fossils for only 12 theropod species included the eye

structures that can tell paleontologists about night vision.
Eye bones for night
Scleral ossicles are thin, rectangular bone plates that form a ring-like structure surrounding the pupils of lizards as well as birds and their ancestors – dinosaurs. Scleral rings define the largest possible size of an animal's pupil and can tell you how well that animal can see at night. The larger the pupil compared to the size of the eye, the better a dinosaur could see in the dark.

Since the individual bony ossicles of these rings fell apart after these animals died more than 60 million years ago, our team made scans of the fossils and then digitally reconstructed the eyes. Of all the theropods we examined, H. sollers and S. deserti had some of the proportionally largest pupils.
S. deserti's pupil made up more than half of its eye, very similar to night-vision specialists that live today like geckos and nightjars.
In today's nocturnal animals, hearing can be as important as

keen eyesight. To figure out how well these extinct dinosaurs could hear, we scanned the skulls of 17 fossil theropods to decipher structure of their inner ears and then compared our scans to the ears of modern animals.
All vertebrates have a tube-like canal called the cochlea in their inner ear. Studies of living mammals and birds show the longer this canal, the wider the range of frequencies an animal can hear and the better they can hear very faint sounds.



DAY'S DIARY

Paramount Pictures

Paramount Pictures was founded on this day in 1912 as Famous Players Film Company. The name 'Paramount Pictures' was adopted in 1916

IN THE INDUSTRY

American film mogul Adolph Zukor was the founder of Paramount Pictures. With an impressive collection of hit films, Paramount Pictures is now a big name in the industry



THE LOGO

Paramount is the second oldest film studio that is still running. Millions of people across the globe recognise the logo of the mountain rising through the clouds



CHANGING THE SCENE

In 1972, Paramount's 'The Godfather' became the first blockbuster ever released in Hollywood, which changed the way movies were produced and marketed

Sreeleela on her experience in Tollywood

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Ahead of Mother's Day, three Bengaluru celebrities share their thoughts about motherhood and their relationship with their kids

MOMS WILL BE MOMS



Meghana Raj with Jr Chiru

MONIKA MONALISA

FROM the first cry of the baby to teenage tantrums and their lives as adults, mothers see it all. Sometimes their love is overwhelming, but well, that's one of the traits they possess.

Mother's Day has its share of critics, many of whom ask why limit the appreciation for what mothers do to just one day. Sandalwood actor and new mom Meghana Raj too used to feel that way.

"Earlier I too found it quite clichéd. How is it that there is just one day to express your love for your mother? But now, it all makes sense," says Raj, who considers herself a hands-on mother to her six-month-old.

According to Raj, her son - fondly called Jr Chiru - has a lot of traits from his late grandfather, actor Chiranjeevi Sarja. "He has a habit of sucking his thumb in a particular way which Chiru used to have as child too. And not many know that sometimes he used to do the same as an adult too," says Raj, adding that she feels she is a new person after the birth of her son.

While it's assumed that young children are bound to be close to their mothers, does it change as they grow older? Dr Swarnalatha, mother of the actor Sreeleela, says it evolves with the time and it should be that way.

"I am very strict when it comes to timing. As a child, Leela used to have back-to-back extracurricular classes and she used to get so irritated with me because she hardly got time to make friends," laughs Swarnalatha, adding that now too, rules like eating or sleeping at odd hours is not allowed.

As both mother and daughter grow older and life becomes busier, their relationship var-



Badrunissa Irfan and Uzma Irfan

ies from being friends to being mentor-student. "If not a meal, we try to spend some time together at the end of the day to talk about the next day or just to catch up on how the day went," she says.

Another such mother-daughter duo who consider themselves 'BFFs' are Uzma Irfan, a director on the board of Prestige Constructions, and her mother Badrunissa Irfan. Uzma says that there is nothing she can't talk to her mother about.

"My mother once told me if we maintain a mother-daughter relationship, there could be times when we couldn't about some things, but if we became friends, there wouldn't be any inhibitions," says Uzma, adding that one of the best lessons she learnt from her mother was to maintain humility.

Her mother Badrunissa is also equally proud of her and her achievements. "She is a hardworking person but what I love about her is that she thinks from the side of kindness and humility," she adds.

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Swarnalatha and Sreeleela

Dance show to raise funds for Covid-19

EXPRESS FEATURES

WHILE frontline workers risk their lives to selflessly help people, they too need assistance from time-to-time. Help is pouring in from all quarters. Nupura dance school is doing its bit and is holding a digital dance programme Aikyam on May 8 to raise funds for Covid-19 relief.

The fundraiser has been organised in collaboration with Natyabhooni, a US-based dance organisation. "We wanted to use art for a purpose during a time like this. A show like this is makes it much more relevant during this time," says Manu Srinivasan, artistic director of Nupura. The show, which is going to go live on their Facebook page, was initially suppose to be a 24-hour marathon show but was eventually planned for a four-hour duration. Viewers in India can watch the show between 1pm and 5pm. The page hosting the show will contain a link for donors who wish to contribute.



MUMS THE DAY!

From new décor, to a virtual therapy session, get your mother a thoughtful gift this Mother's Day to show her you care

EXPRESS FEATURES

THE past year has been hard on everyone, particularly mothers who hold the fort and juggle different roles - from working in the home to working from home, to looking after the well-being of everyone in the family - they do it all. The person who looks after every one also needs someone to look after her, and what better way to show her some love than with a gift on Mother's Day?

Making it special

If your mum is the sort who chooses every object in her room with a lot of thought, you could surprise her with new décor. Home furnishing brand The Yellow Dwelling has introduced a Mother's Day collection. Co-founder Abhinav Sundaramoorthy says, "The past year has been really tough for each one of us, but even more so for mothers who are juggling many roles. Our range of curtains, cushions, table décor in soothing colours and prints are designed to bring a sense of calm and comfort, and



would be a perfect gift for all the super-moms out there!"

Self-care

Mother's Day calls for a celebration of new or expecting mothers. Thrown into the new role after going through a physical transformation, everything could be quite overwhelming, they would need more help and support from their loved ones.

Cinnamon Soul, a city-based beauty brand, may have just the thing. Their line of post and pre-pregnancy oils could help women through a stressful phase.

Founder Nidhi Adeni says self-care is very important for expecting women. "Our belly bump oil and massage oil are made to be extremely useful for new or expecting mothers and they are all toxic-free," says Adeni. She says that what makes this gift more special is that 50

per cent of the sales for this month will be donated towards Covid relief, and that they are offering more home deliveries.

Inner peace

Juggling many roles and responsibilities can take a huge toll on your physical and mental health. While Bengaluru is back into a semi-lockdown, pranic healing could really help with your mother's mental health. Mita Vinay, founder of Bodhsara Wellness and Salt Studio, says, this becomes an important gift in times like this when mothers are isolated, alone or away from their kids and grand kids.

"A session of pranic healing could help them release suppressed emotions, help build mental strength. Pranic healing is a gift of wellness for our loved ones," says Vinay.

Spa at home

If it was a regular time, a day at spa could have been an ideal gift. But since this isn't possible right now, why not get the spa at home? Arrange some soothing music in a dim-lit room and use essential oils in a diffuser to get that extra effect. Get your mother a fragrance range that can uplift her mood and keep her healthy too.



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Mita Vinay, Founder, Bodhsara Wellness and Salt Studio

Since Ramzan began, this team of volunteers has been heading out every morning at 3am to feed 500 others before they sit down for their own sehri

A serving of hope

SIMRAN AHUJA

WHILE many start to hit the sack at 11.30pm is when Saddam Baig jumps into action. Since Ramadan began, the advocate has been volunteering to distribute food for sehri (a meal con-

sumed early in the morning before Muslims begin fasting during the holy month) to over 500 people in Padarayanapura. A resident of the area himself, Baig says, "There are many slums around and the daily wage workers are struggling to get food these days. Baig took part in this initia-



Irfan Ahamad Z and Saddam Baig

tive last year too, but then, there were more groups catering to different areas of the city such as Koramangala and RT Nagar as well. Not wanting to give up the good deed this year, the 28-year-old decided to take it up again.

The initiative has been started by Aayina Trust, a charitable organisation, but includes volunteers both from the trust and outside.

Every day, the team has been packing food for those in need, with funds coming from their own pockets and through donations.

"We've had many people show their goodwill at this time. For example, our cooking team has three people, wherein

the main chef takes only ₹1,000 per day to prepare 100kg of rice, one type of chakna and one gravy," says Baig, who is a trustee of Aayina Trust.

Once the food is prepared by 11.30pm, the team gets to work with packing it and then heads out to distribute the meals at 3am, without catching a wink of sleep in between.

"I don't sleep before because I know there are people depending on us. One day, we were 10-15 minutes late but when we reached, some of the families were waiting and they had tears in their eyes. They thought they wouldn't be able to get a meal that day," recalls Baig, adding that the team only sits down for their own sehri

after the distribution to others in need is done.

"I sleep less these days but it's peaceful slumber. And helping others gives me energy to deal with the fatigue," he adds. Irfan Ahamad Z, who is the chairman of the trust, says they don't want to keep the initiative limited to just Ramadan. "If the lockdown continues, we want to help during that time as well," he says.

Baig adds, "So far, we haven't faced any trouble despite the restrictions in place. Even the police personnel in our area are aware of our work and don't mind us stepping out for it. We div ide ourselves into teams of two and make sure not to disturb anyone."



Small mercies

Times are rough but Preeti Shenoy knows how to keep a positive frame of mind. The author posted a photo on Instagram and shared some wise words: "These days I try to hold on to the simple joys of life. I try my hardest to focus on the positives - a tree that bears so many fruits, a flower that bloomed, blue skies, birds chirping. All of these are glorious gifts, worth celebrating. This too shall pass, hang in there, I tell myself. (and others) I read. I exercise. I journal." That's good advice to live by.



CITY READ

Report on one year of Covid misery

A report, 'State of Working India 2021: One Year of Covid-19', released by Azim Premji University shows the pandemic increased informal labour and led to a severe decline in earnings. For the majority of workers. Women and younger workers have been disproportionately affected.



Online event on 5G inaugurated

KS Institute of Technology, Kanakpura Road, Bengaluru, in association with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), New Delhi, organised a six-day refresher/induction programme on "Next Generation Wireless Communication- 5G and Beyond". This week-long online event was recently inaugurated by the chief guest Dr Mahesh Anant Kakade, Director, Board of Examinations, Pune University, Pune.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

Orni, a home decor brand is offering a wide range of home enhancement and kitchenware options on Mother's Day. The decor items are mostly natural and handcrafted and include products like cake stands, handcrafted platters, side tables, and more. **Details:** Orni website

STAND-UP COMEDY

Get ready to enjoy Vipul Goyal's online comedy show as he promises to engage you for 60 minutes with his jokes. The tickets are priced at Rs 599, onwards. **Where:** May 9, 5:30 pm

STAY LEMON FRESH

The Body Shop has launched a new skin purifying and protecting routine. The range is made with lemon essential oil, which is known for its purifying properties. The range includes hair and body wash (Rs 1,195), face wash (Rs 945), hand wash (Rs 795), hair mist (Rs 1,345), and hand and body lotion (Rs 1,195). **Available at:** thebodyshop.in

MUSICAL TRADITIONS

The Indian Music Experience (IME) in collaboration with the Museum of Art and Photography will host an online session on examining the cultural and political significance of different musical traditions. It will feature documentary filmmaker Surabhi Sharma (director of *Bidesia in Bambai* and *Jahaji Musici*), Namita Walker (from the Grindmill Songs Project) and, Shrutika Veena Vishwanath (whose work celebrates mystic musical traditions), and Manasi Prasad, museum director, IME. **When:** May 8, 6pm. **Details:** IME's website

PICK UP SOME SIMPLE RECIPES AT THE FOODHALL COOKERY STUDIO'S VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS. **WHEN:** MAY 8. **TO REGISTER:** [FOODHALLCOOKERYSTUDIO.COM/CLASSES/](https://www.foodhallcookerystudio.com/classes/)

Music Concert

Enjoy an evening of classical fusion with the Teen Prachar concert, which will present various ragas. The musical evening will feature artists like Anindo Chatterjee, Giridhar Udupa, and Ustad Shujaat Khan among others. **When:** May 8, 6pm **Where:** Online, tickets on bookmyshow

Festive feast

This Ramadan, celebrate the holy month with Aloft Bengaluru Cessna Business Park, a Marriott International Hotel, as they whip up Mutton Shami Kabab, Mugh Reshmi Kebab, Nihari, Biryani, Kabuli Pulao & Sheer Khurma **When:** Till May 12 **Contact:** +91 8884452271

Running effect

Reebok introduces the spring, summer variant of the Liquifect 180, a high-performance running shoe that has great cushioning, long-lasting comfort and lock in support from heel to toe. It comes in different colours and is priced at Rs 6,599. **Available at:** shop4reebok.com, Flipkart and Amazon

Iftar Feast

Enjoy a line up of Ramadan feast by Dindigul Thalappakatti. The Iftar meals includes chicken/mutton biryani, haleem, pack of dry fruits and parathas. To place orders WhatsApp 91500 07909. Also available on Zomato and Swiggy

Story-telling Workshop

Learn the art of storytelling with artist Jay Kumar Hariharan. The month-long online session will help you understand the importance of storytelling frameworks, power narratives, apprehensions around storytelling, tips for effective storytelling, and more. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN? We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

EASY MANGO SALSA

INGREDIENTS

- Alphonso mangoes: 3-4
- Red bell pepper: 1
- Onion: 1 large (soak it in water for a couple of hours)
- Cilantro: A handful, chopped
- Celery: 1 stalk, chopped
- Green chilli: 1, deseeded and finely chopped
- Salt: 1 tsp
- Roasted cumin powder: 1 tsp
- Chilli flakes: 1/2 tsp, optional
- Lemon: 1/2 or 1

METHOD

- Chop the mangoes, capsicum and onion finely.
- Mix everything well and mash it slightly with your hands or a potato masher.
- Alternatively you can blitz everything in a food processor.
- Serve with nachos, on toast with flatbread or have it like a salad.

— Sarika Gupta, Thiruvananthapuram

FIT BIT

ARDHA CHANDRA CHAPASANA (SUGARCANE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'ardha' means half, 'chandra' means moon, 'chapa' means bow, and 'asana' means pose. This asana is simultaneously an asymmetrical backbend and a balancing posture. One needs to maintain space in the spine, safety in the knees, and stability while standing. It activates the Manipura (solar plexus) Chakra which is responsible for self-esteem, self-worth, identity and life purpose. Preparatory poses for this asana include Adho Mukha Svanasana, Ardha Chandrasana and Baddha Utthita Parsvakonasana. This pose improves balance and mental focus. You can only attempt this pose, when you are comfortable and stable in Ardha Chandrasana.

STEPS

- Come into Ardha Chandrasana, your right leg in front of your left.
- Raise your left arm towards the ceiling.
- With an exhalation, bend your left knee. Lower your left arm to grab the top of your left foot from behind with your left hand.
- Keep your thigh parallel to the ground as you raise it.
- Draw your left foot towards your body along with your left hand.
- As you inhale, press your foot into your hand; it will make an arc/bow shape in your spine, now turn the pose with a backbend.
- You can remain in the pose for up to five full, deep breaths.
- Now, take your left foot back into the Ardha Chandrasana.
- Then, slowly take your left foot to the ground and follow the same steps with your right side.
- If beginners can't reach the floor with your hand, they can use a block.

BENEFITS

- Activates your Manipura Chakra and boosts self-worth and self-esteem.
- Strengthens and stretches your spine, arms, core, legs, and opens your chest also.
- Improves concentration level and balance.
- Gives you a sense of inner freedom.
- Reduces anxiety, fatigue and stress.
- Improves digestion.
- Beneficial in pain related to osteoporosis, sciatica.
- Helps relieve menstruation pain.
- Helps regulate metabolism.
- Beneficial in constipation, indigestion and gastric problems.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have any injury to your ankle, knee, hip, or lower back, avoid this pose.
- As it's a balancing pose, it may not be appropriate during pregnancy.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

WHERE'S MY GLOW

Hosted by new mamma RJ Ruchi, the podcast is about personal experiences and learnings which in turn will make this unpredictable unknown journey of thousands of expecting mothers easier. **On Gaana**

CAREFREE PARENTING

Create a happy, nurturing relationship with your children without anxiety, stress or guilt. Carefree Parenting is for you if you are a parent, have a parent or want to be a parent. Helping you be the kind of parent you've always wanted to be. **On Gaana**

CHIMING WITH SUPER MOM BLOGGERS

Chimes Radio presents Chiming with Super Mom Bloggers, where RJ Manika talks to those Indian supermoms who embraced blogging after starting their motherhood journeys and took their passion for the written word to another level. **On Gaana**

SINDHANAI SEI MANAME

A show full of positivity, SSM discusses various topics of life science, mental health and even more. Apart from that, the show motivates women on parenting and maintaining their mental health too in various episodes. **On Gaana**

ENNODOPPOM MALAYALAM PODCAST

Ennodoppom is a show produced narrated by a mother of a one, where the narrator discusses beautiful moments of her parenting and her child's beautiful moments to the listeners. **On Gaana**

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

FIRST RANK RAJU

Raju, a bookish young man, fails a job interview owing to his lack of practical knowledge and contemplates suicide. So his parents decide to make him more pragmatic and ready to face the real world. **Cast:** Gurusnandan, Apoorva Gowda

DIA

Dia takes three years to confess her feelings to Rohith but after a terrible accident, she is told he does not survive. Later, when she starts seeing Adi, she finds out that Rohith is still alive. **Cast:** Kushi, Pruthvi Ambaar

RANNA

Sharat assures his ageing grandfather that he will reunite him with his estranged daughter. To fulfil his promise, he goes to work for the woman's family as a driver. **Cast:** Sudeep, Rachita Ram

SANGLIYANA

An upright police officer is determined to wipe out corruption in the society. Putting his life at risk, he has to fend off several obstacles that come his way. **Cast:** Shankar Nag, Devraj

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT IS VERBAL IRONY? BY CHRISTOPHER WARNER

At face value the lines between verbal irony sarcasm and compliments can be blurry. After all the phrase "That looks nice" could be all three depending on the circumstances. Christopher Warner gets into the irony you may use most often and most casually: verbal irony.

2 PLEASE, PLEASE, PEOPLE. LET'S PUT THE 'AWE' BACK IN 'AWESOME' BY JILL SHARGAA

Which of the following is awesome: your lunch or the Great Pyramid of Giza? Comedian Jill Shargaa sounds a hilarious call for us to save the word "awesome" for things that truly inspire awe.

3 WHAT DO ALL LANGUAGES HAVE IN COMMON? BY CAMERON MORIN

Each of us can come up with an infinite number of sentences in our native language, and we're able to do so from an early age. Noam Chomsky proposed a theory that the key to this versatility was grammar. Cameron Morin details Chomsky's theory.

4 COOL TRICKS YOUR PHONE CAN DO BY DAVID POGUE

In this engaging talk from the E5'08 conference, The New York Times tech columnist David Pogue rounds up some handy cell phone tools and services that can boost your productivity and lower your bills (and your blood pressure).

5 HOW QUINOA CAN HELP COMBAT HUNGER & MALNUTRITION BY CEDRIC HABIYAREMYE

On a mission to create a hunger-free world, agricultural entrepreneur Cedric Habiaryemye makes the case for cultivating quinoa in places experiencing malnutrition, like his native Rwanda. He shares a model to help smallholder farmers across Africa diversify their fields with nutritious and indigenous crops, taking a step towards ensuring healthy foods are available and affordable for all.

REGIONAL

RAA BAARI HAI (Hindi)

After his fiancé is murdered, Karthik the prime suspect goes on the run and lands at the palatial house of Vasuki, who happens to be his ex-flame. The ex-lovers take a trip down memory lane and relive their deepest darkest desires, and the agony of sweet revenge. **Cast:** Anup Soni, Paoli Dam, Rahul Dev, Dipannita Sharma **Watch on:** Zee5

RAJA RANGUSKI (Tamil)

Raja, a police constable, falls in love with Ranguski, an aspiring writer, and tries to woo her through phone calls. However, he soon gets implicated in the murder of Maria, Ranguski's neighbour. **Cast:** Shirish Saravanan, Chandini Tamilarasan, Anupama Kumar, Kalloori Vinod **Watch on:** Zee5

SIMMBA (Hindi)

Simmba, a corrupt police officer, works for Duvva, an influential smuggler. However, his life takes an unusual turn when he decides to avenge a woman who was assaulted by Duvva's brothers. **Cast:** Ranveer Singh, Sara Ali Khan, Sonu Sood, Siddharth Jadhav **Watch on:** Zee5

YUVARATHNA (Kannada)

A reputed college that is now on the verge of closing due to the privatisation of the education system and political reasons. The college principal fights against privatisation and the protagonist supports his vision. **Cast:** Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa Saigal, Sonu Gowda **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ALA MODALAINDI (Telugu)

A man who has gone through a major heartbreak meets another woman and as they spend more time together, he falls in love. He is dismayed to find out that she is engaged but fate has other plans. **Cast:** Nani, Nithya Menen, Sneha Ullal, Ashish Vidyarthi **Watch on:** Zee5

SHADOW (Kannada)

A man registers a complaint in the police station claiming that his shadow is missing. As the police begin working on the baffling case, he drops a hint on an accident that could have been a murder. **Cast:** Vinod Prabhakaran, Umesh Anna, Sharath Lohithasha **Watch on:** Zee5

VIRUS (Malayalam)

The state of Kerala faces a tremendous outbreak of the life-threatening Nipah virus. However, a group of courageous individuals risk their lives in an attempt to curb the epidemic. **Cast:** Tovino Thomas, Revathi, Parvathy Thiruvothu **Watch on:** Zee5

FOREIGN

VINCENZO (Korean)

During a visit to his motherland, a Korean-Italian mafia lawyer gives a conglomerate a taste of its own medicine with a side of justice. **Cast:** Song Joong-ki, Jeon Yeo-been, Ok Taeyeon, Kwak Dong-yeon **Watch on:** Netflix

SCOOBY! (English)

Shaggy and Scooby learn that Dick Dastardly, avillain, is out to capture Scooby. With the help of masked superhero Blue Falcon, the Mystery Inc gang sets out to thwart the supercriminal's evil plans. **Cast:** Frank Welker, Will Forte, Gina Rodriguez, Zac Efron **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

THE BLIND SIDE (English)

Michael, a homeless African-American teenager, is adopted by a Caucasian family who help him overcome his learning difficulties and achieve excellence in American football. **Cast:** Sandra Bullock, Lily Collins, Quinton Aaron, Tim McGraw **Watch on:** Netflix

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (English)

Andy Dufresne, a successful banker, is arrested for the murders of his wife and her lover, and is sentenced to life imprisonment at the Shawshank prison. He becomes the most unconventional prisoner. **Cast:** Morgan Freeman, Tim Robbins, Bob Gunton, William Sadler **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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Shankanada Aravind succumbs to Covid 19

CE FEATURES

SHANKANADA Aravind, popularly known for his supporting role in *Bettada Hoovu* which also starred Puneeth Rajkumar as a child artiste, succumbed to Covid-19. The actor was 70. He was admitted to Victoria Hospital, where he was taking treatment. He passed away on the afternoon of May 7. He has featured in more than 250 Kannada films, and in notable films like *Aaganthuka*, *Gnana Gange*, *Aparichita*, to name a few. He made his stint on the small screen, and was a part of a few soap operas as well. Shankanada Aravind's wife, Rama, passed away in January this year due to respiratory issues. He is survived by two daughters and a son. Recently, the Kannada film industry also lost well-known producer Ramu, husband of Malashree. Renuka Sharma, the director of *Kavirathna Kalidasa*, who has worked with stalwarts like Dr Rajkumar, Ambareesh, Anant Nag and Ravichandran, lost his life last Wednesday. Actor and producer D S Manjunath also succumbed to Covid.

'NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO INDUSTRIES'

Kannada heroine Sreeleela, who is making her mark in Tollywood, talks about her experience of working in the Telugu industry, her next project with Ravi Teja, and what is keeping her occupied during the lockdown

A SHARADHAA

IF it's not acting, it's studies, dance or watching films for *Kiss* heroine, Sreeleela. All of this is keeping her occupied during the current pandemic. "When I look at the terrible things happening around, I am just like 'Oh God'. Initially, when the second wave hit, nobody cared much. Earlier this year, the count had much reduced but now the situation is really worrisome," says Sreeleela. The young talent from the Kannada industry is all set to make it big in Tollywood. The *Bharaate* actor, who is making her Tollywood debut with *Pelli Sandadi*, is paired opposite Roshan Meka in a film directed by debutant, Gowri. The entire project is supervised by veteran director and

producer K Raghavendra Rao. Sreeleela, who was juggling between shooting for director Hari Santhosh's *By Two Love* and her film in Telugu, managed to complete major portions just before the lockdown. Ask the actor about her first experience of working in a Telugu flick, and she says she didn't find much of a difference between the two industries. "The set is the same, probably only the language is different. Some of those on the sets spoke to me in Kannada at times, and made sure I was comfortable," she says. Sreeleela also confirms of her association with *Crack* hero, Ravi Teja. What is her reaction to the offer of working with an experienced actor? "When I first got the offer, I felt like 'me, really?'. Eventually, I warmed up to the idea. The story made sense, and I

am happy to be a part of it. This is the next acting assignment which I will begin once the pandemic subsides and we are allowed to shoot," says Sreeleela, who also has a project signed opposite Dhruva Sarja, which is yet to go on floors. Sreeleela, who want to be a doctor, is simultaneously focusing on her education, and studies are what she considers a break from acting. "Dancing to some good music is another form of relaxation," says the actor, who is also making time to watch movies of different genres. "Till now I have worked in colourful films. I am interested in being part of other genres as well. I am making use of this lockdown to watch various films, to expand my knowledge on cinema," she signs off.

Till now I have worked in colourful films. I am interested in being part of other genres as well - Sreeleela, actor



An engaging documentary about a reggaeton star

MRINAL RAJARAM

MATTHEW Heineman's bilingual documentary touches upon the personal and the political, with its Latin American reggaeton star baring his soul as the camera dogs his every move for a week. And what a stressful week it is! The seven-day period in November 2019 is to culminate in a massive concert in Medellin - the Colombian boy's hometown. Set on the backdrop of protests against Ivan Duque's authoritarian government, the biographical account reveals a personal side to J Balvin. Far removed from his music persona (flashy clothes, expensive cars and fawning women), Jose, as those close know him, is humble and prone to exploring his vulnerability. He makes no bones about his ongoing struggle with depression and anxiety, referring to the former as a crippling, out-of-body experience. In a free-wheeling chat with the star, his long-time partner's father puts it succinctly. "I didn't want my daughter falling in love with the famous artist, J Balvin, but with Jose, the human being. Balvin has this reputation of a playboy, adored by women, and Jose is the one who is grounded and in pain. The persona is strong. The person is real, vulnerable."

against Colombia's oppressive government back home, the singer must make a choice - either ignore the chatter or use his fame for the advancement of his people. A critique that keeps popping up on social media is of him being the lukewarm boy of Medellin. Another user calls him out for using his own people to make his music and millions, but lacking the basic courage, when it comes to the crunch, to look beyond his swanky Miami mansion. Even efforts of engagement are met with derision. One of these is a much thought-out Instagram post in memory of Dilan Cruz - an 18-year-old protester killed by local police. Balvin's feed lights up with responses like: "Oh, so he's finally posted something?"; "No mention of who's responsible for the murder?"; "It's not a death, it's a killing!" While his mental health is teetering on the brink, he is advised by his core group (girlfriend, family, friends, therapist, and management) to shut out the white noise. "It pisses me off what's going on. I don't support what's being done to the people. But here's the thing. Regardless of what I say, people will still be upset with me. Those criticising me for not caring have no clue how hard I've had to work for everything. They are in difficult circumstances, but am I the one to blame for it? I don't see my name on the ballot box," he says to a TV journalist. His dilemma of whether to make a political statement or not in the wake of Colombia's crisis is engaging, but more

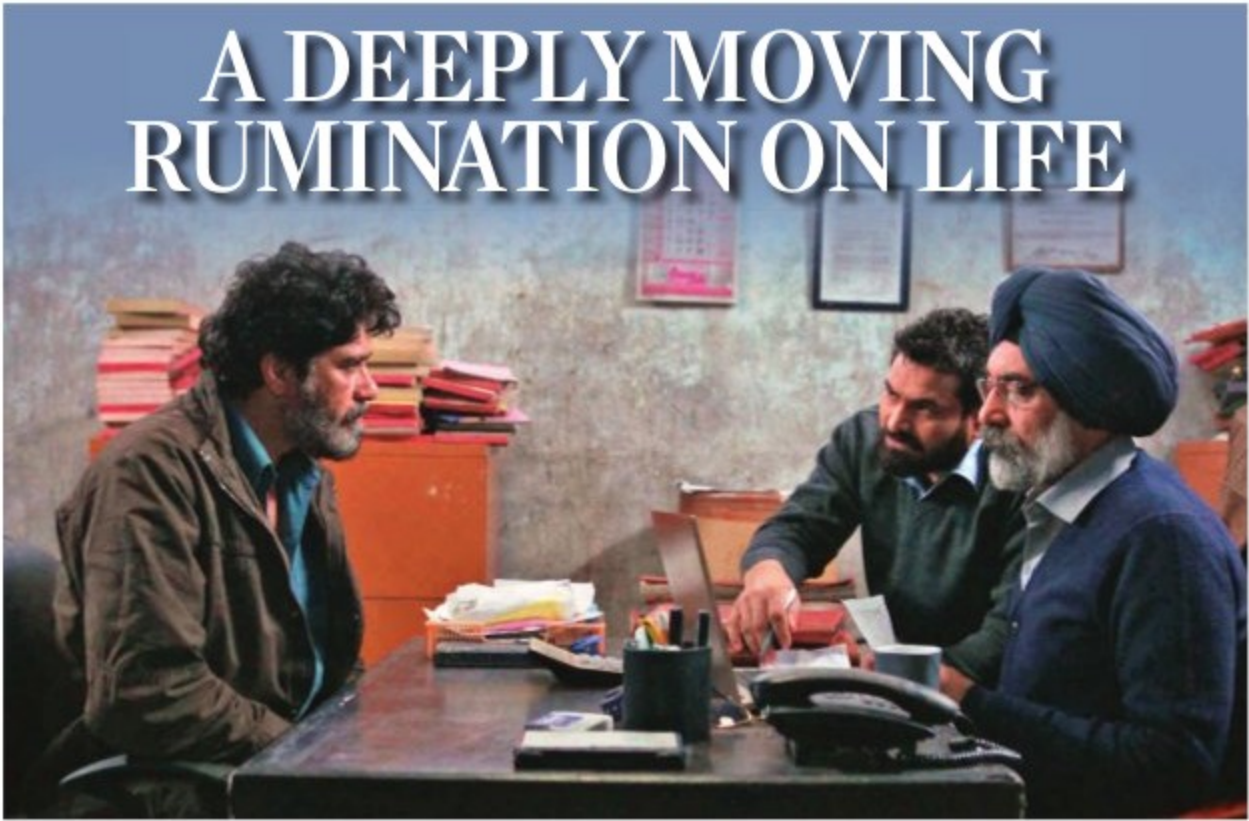
could have been delved into with respect to his childhood and the struggles faced. A mention is made about his parents' precarious financial situation during that time and him wanting to provide for them, but little is explored beyond that. And while Balvin speaks earnestly about his panic attacks and depression, and methods for relief (therapy and meditation), the subject is superficially handled. The timeline of early symptoms and whether they were brought on by trauma (we keep hearing how hard he had it as a kid, but nothing concrete is discussed to that end) are never broached. What works well in the documentary is the guilt experienced by the star in the lead up to the concert in Medellin. He is an over-thinker, and it is this very impediment that stands in the way of him doing the right thing. Through days of anxiety, not knowing whether the anti-government protests will come in the way of his precious concert, we are given a glimpse into the man behind the persona. The moving footage provides a rare window into the philosophy Jose lives by. And then there's the matter of speaking up for what's right. As his manager says, "J Balvin has a platform. Jose is the one who needs to speak. The truth is, great artists are the ones who use their voice for other people." Against the background of Colombia's Arab Spring, Heineman blends fine stage performances with home video-like scenes and conversations beyond the spotlight, ensuring that *The Boy from Medellin* is as personal as it is political.

RATING 3/5

BHUVANESH CHANDAR

MILESTONE begins with a blank screen for precisely half a minute. It's as though he were emulating Andrei Tarkovsky, who famously explained his 'dull' opening shots by saying, "Viewers who walked into the wrong theatre will have time to leave before the main action starts." There's a calming stillness in the frame, one that allows for the film's moments to really affect you. The film shows that it takes a certain stillness in order to get you moved. Director Ayr paints the life of a truck driver named Ghalib (Suvinder Vicky), an old-timer with decades of experience in the field. Grieving from the death of his wife, Ghalib has hit the road in an attempt to escape reality. He calls it passion, but in truth, the job is all he seems to know and care about. In a later scene, he says, "I do this job because this is who I am. My misery is that this is all I am."

The road becomes his companion, his only purpose. Trouble arrives when his friend and colleague Dilbaug (Gurinder Makna) gets sacked for poor eyesight at night. In the eyes of their boss, Dilbaug's poor eyesight isn't too far away from Ghalib's backache. It's at this juncture that Ghalib is assigned a new intern to tutor: A young man named Pash (Lakshvir Saran). Milestone's handling of its theme and subtext reminds you a lot of Coen Brothers' *No Country for Old Men*. The film's charm lies in its subtle treatment of its heavy text, with many scenes serving to unravel more and more



A DEEPLY MOVING RUMINATION ON LIFE

layers in the film's narrative. Both Ghalib and Dilbaug are facing the wrath of nature's oldest rule-survival of the fittest-and neither is ready to face the brutality of the inevitable in a fast-moving world. Ghalib is pursued not just by his age, but by his past as well. Somewhere in his grief, there is some guilt as well. The irony of the situation is how this is the case for their boss as well. The son of the company's head is taking over and is administering changes. Even for Pash, it's not an easy world with his very tutor beginning to see him as a threat. This was a place where only Ghalib could speak English, but now Pash can too. It is a threat and causes the gap between them to widen, and it's never felt more than when there arises confusion over Saddam Hussain and whether they know about him. There's an inevitability about the fight between Ghalib and Pash, about the struggle between such characters in life. Nature favours only one, but the truth is, they are both pawns in a ruthless system, a ruthlessness that is best exemplified in one instruction from Ghalib's boss, concerning cops demanding bribes. "Tackle him yourself!" he says. "Why make me pay? I'm not asking for much here."

Another Coen Brothers' film, *Inside Llewyn Davis*, comes to mind too, when acknowledging the miserable existence of Ghalib. The lack of warmth in the frames seems to be an influence as well. From shots of the tires of a truck to multiple long shots, Ayr and cinematographer Angello Facini show great attention to the intricate details that make up each frame. There is a refusal to really milk the aggression that is present in this universe. That's why even when there's cacophony in the film, the camera is content to focus on the peaceful, glazed faces of some of the film's characters. There is all-round excellence in this film. Be it the sound design evident when you pay attention to the flutter of a paper while someone's writing on it, or the set design which focusses on intimate details like the dust on a table, this is a film that shows mastery over many of its facets. The stories of Ghalib and Pash are universal and for that reason, it's not hard to invest in them. These are stories that happen around us, to us. When it's as sensitively, as beautifully handled as it has been in Milestone, cinema becomes poetry.

MILESTONE
Director: Ivan Ayr
Cast: Suvinder Vicky, Lakshvir Saran

RATING 4/5

Cinderella to premiere on Amazon Prime Video

CE FEATURES

SONY Pictures' *Cinderella*, starring pop star **Camila Cabello** as the titular princess, will go for a direct digital premiere, in concurrence with the current trend. The film will skip a theatrical release and will be streamed on Amazon Prime Video, sometime later this year. According to reports, Sony

was planning a July release in cinema halls, but due to the coronavirus pandemic the studio had chosen to license the film to Amazon Prime. Kay Cannon, best known for his *Pitch Perfect* movie franchise, has written and directed the *Cinderella* iteration. The musical fairytale will trace the journey of an orphan who longs to meet her prince charming, Billy Porter

is portraying Cinderella's fairy godparent and Idina Menzel is playing her evil stepmother. The cast also includes Nicholas Galitzine as Prince Robert, Pierce Brosnan as King Rowan and Minnie Driver as Queen Beatrice. The film marks Cabello's acting debut. She has also crooned original songs for the movie along with Menzel.